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INVASION OF JEHOI PROVINCE IMMINENT

DAVIS CUP DRAW

BRITAIN IN LUCKY
SECTION

JAPAN'S STIFF PROBLEM

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Paris, Feb. 3.

The draw was made to-day for the European Zone of the Davis Cup Competition and one of its noteworthy features is that Britain has fallen into the luckiest section of the draw.

As far as can be seen, the British players will be presented with very little opposition until they meet Italy in the quarter-finals.

South Africa, Australia and Japan, on the other hand, have been decidedly unlucky. Three of the strongest teams in the competition, they have all been grouped together in the bottom quarter of the draw.

DOMINIONS' CLASH

Australia and South Africa clash in their second matches and the winner will be called upon to face Japan who this year are expected to have the strongest team ever entered. The recent form of the Australians, though somewhat erratic, gives them hopes of getting through this stiff passage.

The first round draw is as follows:

TOP HALF.

Greece, bye.
Rumania, bye.
Monaco, bye.
Czechoslovakia, bye.
Finland v. India.
Spain v. Great Britain.
Belgium v. Austria.
Italy v. Yugoslavia.

BOTTOM HALF.

Egypt v. Germany.
Poland v. Holland.
Denmark v. Ireland.
Hungary v. Japan.
Norway, bye.
Australia, bye.
South Africa, bye.
Switzerland, bye.

It will be seen that Britain and Italy are the only strong sides in the top half. Britain should have a fairly comfortable passage into the European Zone Final.—*Reuter*.

PRINCE BACK IN LONDON

CORNISH VISIT CONCLUDED

London, Feb. 2.

The Prince of Wales, at the conclusion this afternoon of his tour of the Duchy of Cornwall, returned to London in his private aeroplane.

This morning, whilst in Cornwall, he inspected his herds of pedigree cattle on his farm at Stoke Climsland. He also visited St Austell, where he was enthusiastically received by crowds of his tenants.—*British Wireless*.

BOOM IN GOLD SHARES

REMINISCENT OF 1925

London, Feb. 2.

Although the stock market generally closed with considerable irregularity, prices of South African gold shares registered further substantial gains, but in many instances the best prices were not maintained.

Brokers compare the activity in gold shares of the last few days with the boom of 1925.

A feature of British funds was the firmness of War Loan three and half per cent., which closed at 99½.—*British Wireless*.

JAPANESE RUSH UP TROOPS

ATTACK EXPECTED IN CHAOYANG AREA

POSSIBLE DIVERSION AT TUNGLIAO

PEKING, FEB. 3.

CONFIRMATION BY RESPONSIBLE CHINESE SOURCES THAT HEAVY JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS DOWN THE PEKING-MUKDEN RAILWAY TO CHINCHOW CONTINUE, INDICATES THAT THE EFFORTS OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS TO PREVENT HOSTILITIES IN JEHOI HAVE BEEN UNAVAILING.

It is known that when Sir Francis Lindley, the British Ambassador, called upon Count Uchida at the Tokyo Foreign Office a few days ago, he went with express instructions to urge Japan to refrain from military operations in Jehol pending a final effort at conciliation by the League and that the reply was not satisfactory.

It is not feared that Japan proposes to make any attempt to drive south of Shanhaikwan into the Peking-Tientsin area, but the Chinese authorities, it is understood, expect a Japanese attack upon Jehol on a large scale within a few days.

CHUIMENKOW FIGHTING CEASES

It is believed that the main attack will be launched from Chinchow and that the Japanese will attempt to penetrate Jehol province by driving along the branch railway from Chinchow to Chaoyang, thence endeavouring to force their way into the hinterland through Chaoyang where the Chinese are well dug in.

CHUIMENKOW STRATEGY.

The strategy of the Japanese occupation of Chuimenkow Pass is revealed by the furious assaults now being launched upon the Japanese position there by Chinese Volunteers. Chuimenkow offers the easiest access between Hophel and Jehol and if the passage can be forced by the Chinese, the way will be open for further reinforcements, to be sent through.

The Chinese are, however, confident that the present forces will prevent the Japanese with a stiff proposition, despite their superior equipment.

CHINESE PREPARATIONS.

At present, the forces of General Tang Yu-lin, Governor of Jehol, are stationed round the borders of the province, mixed up with numbers of anti-Manchukuo Volunteers.

Jehol City and the centre of the province are defended by further batches of Tang Yu-lin's troops, reinforced by considerable numbers of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's brigades.—*Reuter*.

"AT ALL COSTS."

Tientsin, Feb. 3.
Japanese reinforcements have been rushed to Chuimenkow, indicating the importance of the pass strategically. The Japanese forces have been instructed that they must hold the pass at any cost and, in fact, Chinese despatches report that the counter-offensive has been halted, at least for the moment, owing to the strength of the Japanese positions. They are well equipped with artillery and have inflicted heavy losses on the attackers.

Aeroplane flew over Ping Yuan which has been used as a base for the Chinese operations, dropping pamphlets declaring that unless the offensive was stayed, the place would be destroyed by aerial bombardment.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Latest reports of troop movements state that the Japanese 14th

Division has been sent to Tungling from Harbin and the Chang Hsueh-liang's Manchukuo division arrived at Tungling from Changchun on Wednesday.

Tokyo reports quote a Japanese official spokesman as saying that the occupation of Jehol must be undertaken "sooner or later," although it was denied that reports from Fusan announcing that five steamers filled with Japanese troops from Yamagata, Hiroaki, Utsunomiya and Akita were on their way to Manchuria implied that the strength of the Japanese forces in Manchuria was being increased in preparation for the Jehol hostilities.

DATE UNCERTAIN.

The date of the attack upon Jehol seems to depend on Japanese views regarding whether it would be advantageous to launch the offensive before or after the League of Nations takes action on the Manchurian situation. The military appear inclined to make the first move.—*Special*.

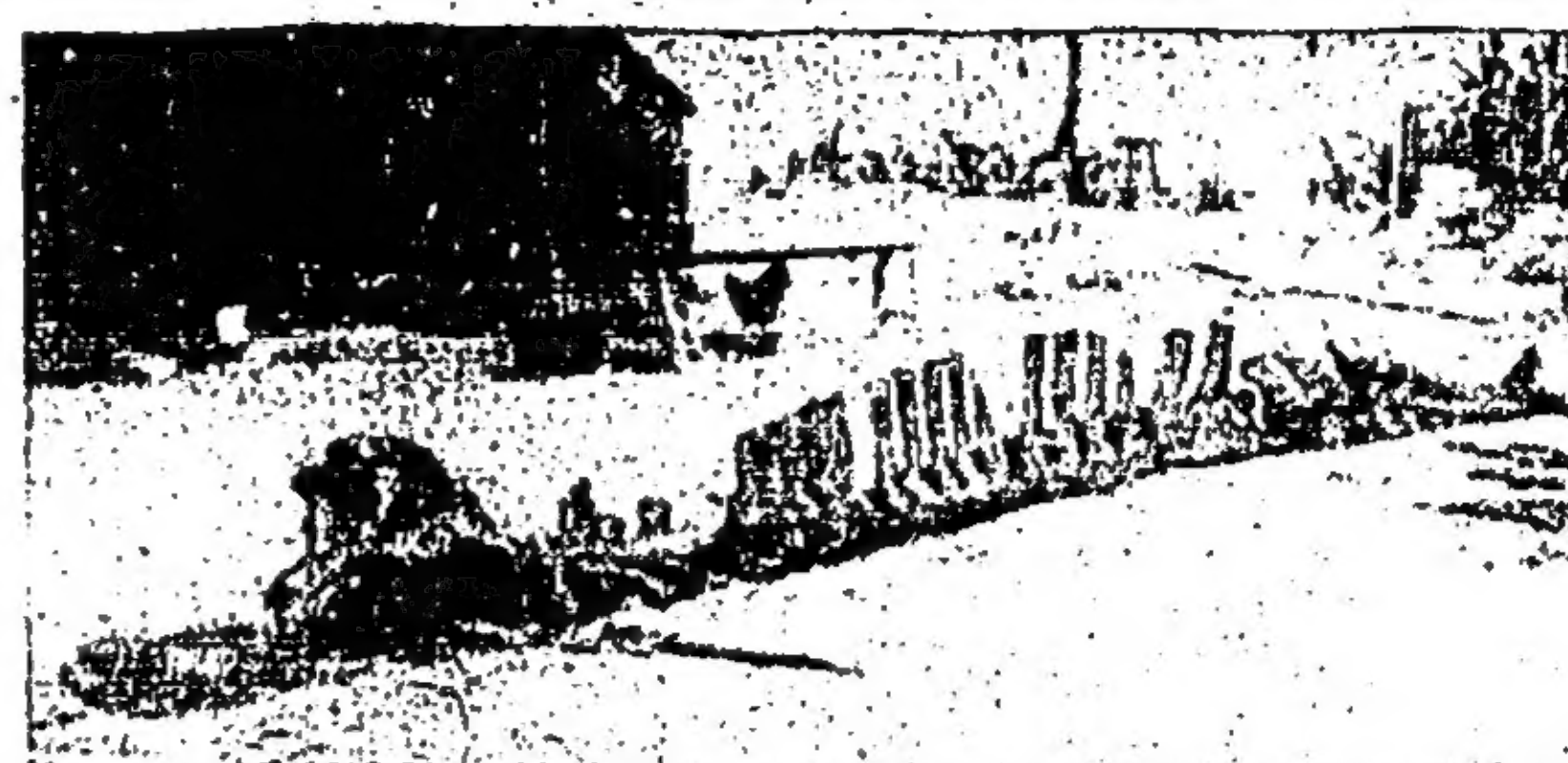
LOCAL ESTATES

GRANTS OF PROBATE MADE

Leung Yin (or Yew) (or Lu) Hing alias Leung Tsai-kwong, a merchant, late of 6, Lee Kwan Avenue, Tai Hang, who died on or about October 18th, 1932, left local estate valued at \$60,500. Deceased was formerly manager of the Wing Fat Printing Co., of 149, Wing Lok Street. Probate to the will has been granted his widow, Wong Suet-fan and his son, Leung Pak-hong.

Application for grant of re-sale of a certified copy of probate of the will of Nal Lee Tok-kheui (Sah Lee) Lee-Aphon, alias Li Chuk-kai, alias Li Sai-ko, alias Li Chung Cheong, alias Li Man-chok, late of Lurasdakti Road, Sathorn District, Amphur Sathorn, Bangkok, has been granted to Mr. H. M. Watson, solicitor. Deceased died in Pokfulam Road on March 9th, 1931, and left local estate valued at \$15,900.

Probate of the will of Low Ging, also known as Low Hung (or Hong)-sing and Chu Hung (or Hong)-sing, late of 50, Hudson Avenue, Albany, U.S.A., has been granted to his widow, Lum Lee,



Our picture shows the skeleton of the 25-foot whale which drifted ashore near Macao and which was killed by villagers who reaped a considerable harvest from the sale of its oil and flesh.

BIG WHALE TRAPPED

LEFT HIGH AND DRY
BY TIDE

EXCITEMENT IN MACAO AREA

(Our Own Correspondent).

Macao, Feb. 2.

Much excitement was created in the little fishing hamlet of Tsam Mang Chin, not far from the Macao Barrier Gate, when a whale, 25 feet long, drifted ashore and was left high and dry on the beach when the tide went out.

The villagers were all active when the monster was sighted, and measures were promptly taken to prevent its escape. The whale was soon dragged higher up the beach, where it was killed, and operations to convert the oil and remains into cash were immediately carried out.

BARE BONES LEFT.

All day long, villagers from the surrounding country trooped in to the hamlet to buy the whale-oil and the flesh, until by evening nothing was left of the monster excepting the bones.

A fee was later charged for viewing the skeleton.

Some idea of the size of the whale may be gathered from the fact that a thousand catties of oil and twice the amount of flesh were sold by the captors.

F. A. CUP REPLAY

HALIFAX ELIMINATE CHESTER

London, Feb. 2.

Halifax, the real surprise team of the F.A. Cup competition, progressed a stage further to-day when they defeated Chester, the Northern leaders, by three goals to two. The sides were still level at the end of ninety minutes, but Halifax secured the winning goal in extra time.

In the fifth round, they meet Luton at Halifax.

In the Third Division (South) Norwich City gained a handsome 5-3 victory at Coventry and the leaders are now positioned as follows:

Exeter	25	16	4	5	62	28	36
Brentford	24	16	4	4	49	29	36
Norwich	20	13	9	4	53	32	35
Reading	24	13	7	4	47	38	33

—*Reuter*.

WEATHER PROSPECT

The anticyclone remains stationary over N. China and continues to increase in intensity. Fresh monsoon will prevail over the China coast, and the Northern China Sea. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

temporarily residing at 193, Lockhart Road. The local estate is sworn under \$10,200.

In connection with the \$9,100 estate of Ng Li-shi (or Sze), late of 51, Calne Road, probate of the will has been granted to Ng Pak-to, of 119, Calne Road, power being reserved of making a like grant to Ng Mok-shi.

DEBTS AND ECONOMICS

AN OFFICIAL LONDON STATEMENT

BRITAIN'S STAND

London, Feb. 2.

An impression which has been created in some quarters in America, by a speech delivered by Mr. Neville Chamberlain at an American press luncheon in London yesterday, that Britain desired the Anglo-American debt discussions to be strictly limited to debts, has elicited an authoritative statement in London.

This statement is to the effect that, subject to conditions that the debt settlement must accommodate itself to the Lausanne Agreement, and that nothing be done which is detrimental to the interests of other countries, it is not desired to limit the discussions to questions relating to debts.—*Reuter*.

BRITISH TRADE PROSPECTS

MR. WALTER RUNCIMAN HOPEFUL

London, Feb. 2.

There are "bright signs" for British industry according to the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, surveying the world in a speech at a St. James Chamber of Commerce dinner. He refused to take a gloomy view of the British position, or of the world situation generally.

There would, he said, be a gradual return to prosperity and if we were prepared to be enterprising, as well as patient, the future of Britain was assured.

The anti-British boycott had ended in India and arrangements had been made which ought to lead to a great expansion of trade with India. He had great hopes that in the next two or three years the volume of trade with India would return to its former level.

With hundreds of millions in China and India, a very little increase in the standard of living in those countries would mean a tremendous increase in our industries.—*Reuter*.

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED

SEQUEL TO RECENT FIRE

A warrant for the arrest of Wong Chau-ki, master of a fire-cracker shop at 35, Staunton Street, where the disastrous fire occurred some eighteen months ago, was issued by Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court this morning when the man failed to answer a summons taken out against him by Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry accusing him of having naked lights on the premises.

Mr. Fitz-Henry intimated that when a complaint was made to the authorities he visited the premises and saw the defendant, but later, after having examined the basement, it was found that the man had disappeared. He had not been seen since, and it was thought that he had absconded to Macao.

DOLLAR SLIGHTLY DECLINES

SILVER UNDERTONE STEADY

The Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th this morning to 1s. 3 1/4d. Very little business is doing, but the undertone is steady.

In London, silver dropped 1/8th. There was a little America and China selling. After the official closing, the market ruled quiet, with a steady undertone. New York reports silver down a quarter to 25 7/8, with the market dull.

WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

PREMIER ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP

London, Feb. 2.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has accepted the invitation to preside at the World Economic Conference, provided it is held in London.—*Reuter*.

NEW M.C.C. CABLE

NEXT TEST STILL IN DOUBT

SPORTSMANSHIP ISSUE

London, Feb. 2.

While the situation has eased considerably and while it is generally believed that the Australian Board of Control will withdraw the term "unsportsmanlike" in connexion with their criticism of leg-theory bowling, it is not yet certain that the Fourth Test match will be played.

The M.C.C. to-day cabled to Australia:

"We, the Committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club, note with pleasure that you do not consider it necessary to cancel the remainder of the programme and that you are postponing the whole of the issue involved until after the present tour has been completed.

"May we accept this as a clear indication that the good sportsmanship of our team is not in question?

"We are sure you will appreciate how impossible it would be to play any Test Match in the spirit we all desire unless both sides are satisfied that there is no reflection on their sportsmanship.

"When your recommendation reaches us, it shall receive the most careful consideration and will be submitted to the Imperial Cricket Conference."

CANBERRA REPORT.

It is suggested in a message from Canberra that the M.C.C. has asked the Governor-General to invite the Australian Board of Control to withdraw the word "unsportsmanlike." The M.C.C. team feels that the publication of the word leaves a personal stigma and they do not feel inclined to enter upon the Fourth Test with the stigma unremoved.—*Reuter*.

DISARMAMENT FAILURE

CRITICISMS OF THE FRENCH PLAN

London, Feb. 2.

The General Commission of the Disarmament Conference met at Geneva to-day on the anniversary of the opening of the Conference. The President, Mr. Henderson, said the year had been eventful but as far as real disarmament was concerned it had been profoundly disappointing.

The business was the discussion of the French plan which was presented by Monsieur Massigli. Critical speeches were delivered by Baron Aloisi Lelsi for Italy and Herr Nodolny for Germany, both stressing the wish of their countries for positive disarmament measures.

At the conclusion of the debate on the French plan the commission will probably examine the recent British proposals for speeding up the work of the conference.—*British Wireless*.

Two Japanese residents of Gloucester Road have been detained by the police for causing minor injuries to a Korean during a fight at 4 o'clock this morning.

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN



By Joan Savoy

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Because, when black joins white in some original way, you can go places and see things positively sure of your personableness.

Start the New Year with at least one semi-formal dress, the dinner-dress type. If you are going to any party throughout the spring, such an outfit will see you through.

This gown is a smart new version of the black-white vogue. Rough black crepe fashions the perfect fitting princess skirt, with high waistline. Black fashions the bodice with its conservative neckline, charmingly cut with two back panels which twist around each other in the back and cross each other again in front to fasten in double-breasted manner on opposite sides of the high waistline.

Long Tight Sleeves.

The sleeves give the gown added distinction. They are long and tight, the long cuff being of black crepe and the top puffs made of black chiffon with white crepe appliqued on them in an intricate formalized design that you can look at many times and always be intrigued.

Using chiffon for these puffs is a happy solution to the big sleeve problem. They fall so softly that they avoid the exaggerated wideness that so many puffed sleeves have this season.

The gown just misses floor length, which makes it all the more desirable for the majority of parties this winter which call for a party dress but object to very formal attire.

BATHROOM ARTISTRY.

While the guest of a rich Swiss merchant recently had the opportunity of studying a bathroom which was the absolute essence of luxury, artistry, and utility.

The room was about 15 feet square, and was tiled throughout in a delicate Mediterranean blue. The bath itself was square, measuring something like 12 feet. On each side it had a narrow tiled strip of floor. At one corner of the bath, which was, of course, inland, were miniature steps.

Perhaps the most striking thing about this luxury bathroom was the complete absence of taps. It might have been some ancient Roman bath, but for a row of buttons at one corner. These were for waste, hot water, cold water, concentrated bath-salts solution, and also salt water.

A gratifying feature was the method of running water into the bath. Instead of having a violent stream from a tap, the water was sent in through a number of cleverly concealed holes round the sides of the bottom of the bath. This ensured that the whole of the bath water was of an even temperature. There was no question of having your toes scalded while the upper half of your body was shivering with cold as often happens in ordinary bathrooms.

That bathroom was certainly a man-made paradise. When the water was run into the bath, the light automatically became subdued and an eerie, flickering light shone through the water from the bottom of the bath. Then I discovered that the bath floor consisted of some transparent corn-like material. Underneath were rows of tiny coloured electric light

WOMEN & MACHINES.

It is at first sight a surprising thing that woman should have been proved by experiment to be better suited to do work involving the care of machines than are men, for it is difficult to think of women as being less mercurial in temperament than men.

The routine job, one imagines, is the very worst one for imaginative, quick-changing Eve.

But there is a woman's capacity for dreaming to be taken into account.

The younger women are, the more they want to think of other things than work—pretty clothes, recreation, last night's show, and to-morrow night's party, new friends, and a hundred other things, which crowd upon their minds and seem much more important than merely earning a living!

Is it not possible that the girl who minds a machine is happier in doing it than is a man mainly because of the variety of her other interests and not because she is less intelligent or enterprising than any male colleague who may be restless and unhappy in his work?

bulbs. Shining through the streaks of pink and turquoise they cast fitting, flickering shadows on the ceiling.

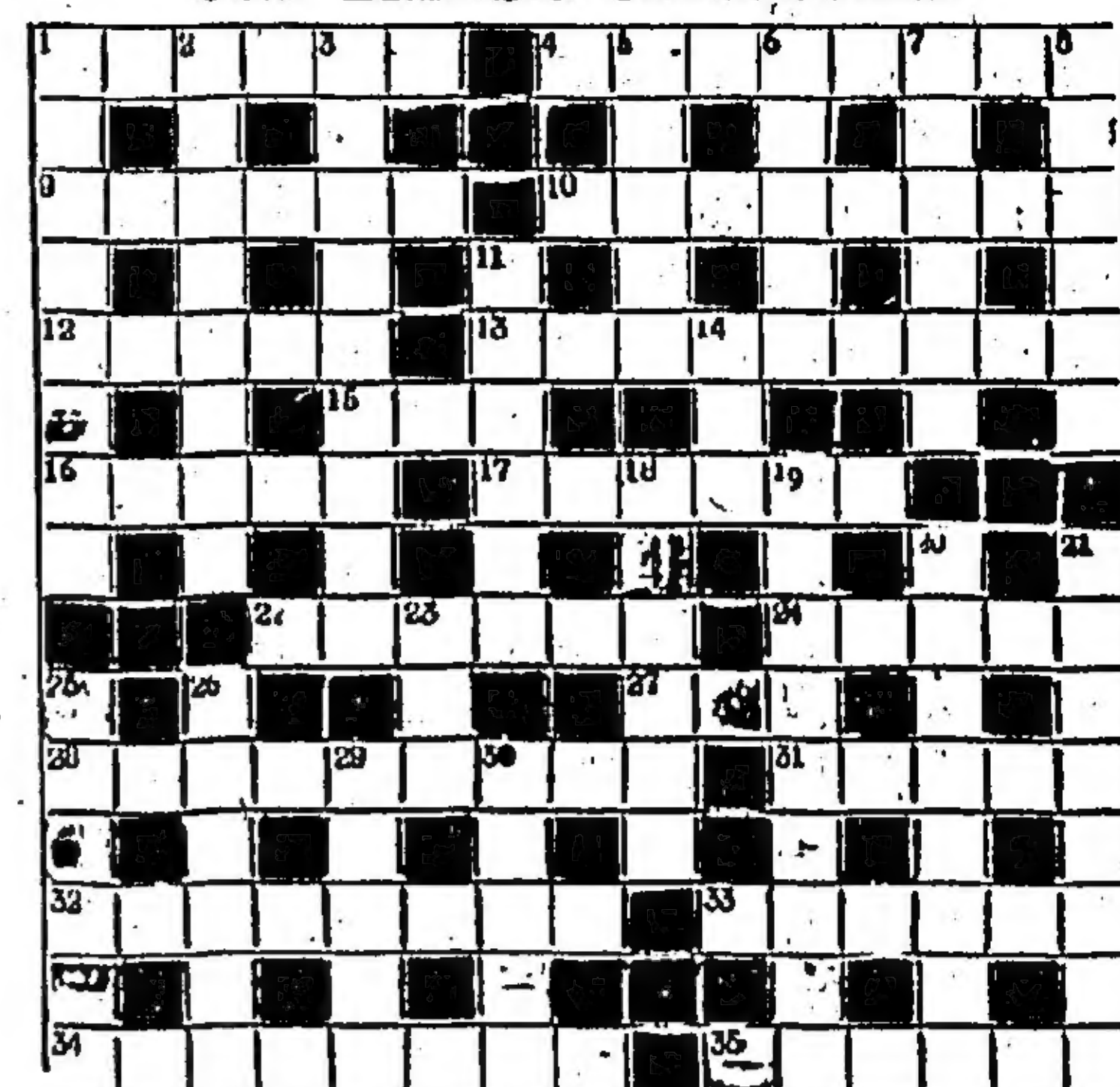
I expected that the bathroom must have cost a fortune to equip, but when I inquired of my friend he enlightened me that he had planned it entirely himself, and that the total outlay had been only £20. If my friend's designs became commercialised, super-luxury bathrooms may soon be in the reach of all house-dwellers.

—In Exchange.



Pretty Natalie Hall. New York actress, is shown in a two-piece dark green knitted wool skiing outfit which has a zipper slip-on jacket with vari-coloured turtleneck collar and cuffs.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across.

- 1 Seedy.
- 4 Celebrated in verse as the companions of kings.
- 9 This is very ordinary, but its moral is not at once obvious.
- 10 A jolly sort of landlord to have, and, doubtless, from a Scot's point of view, handsome.
- 12 Makes a stop in Peru.
- 13 There's no doubt the country faces a serious end, though Germany has no further use for him.
- 15 It's not true that it's an alkaline solution.
- 16 Go in backwards.
- 17 I'll ask her to give us a hint as to what part of America is wanted.
- 22 Complaint.
- 24 It's not difficult to get the figure out of there.
- 27 Suitable pet for a violent burglar.
- 28 "Sh! his back" is up, and no wonder, poor tourist (anag.).
- 31 Harden.
- 32 The soldier's remarks weren't—so there!
- 33 A shy man may get scares from one—though doubtless very loving.
- 34 Shrub.
- 35 Well, this is learned!

Down.

- 1 Just the job for a lazy man—I could do with one myself.
- 2 Its flight is, literally, meteoric.
- 3 Doesn't describe a wise man, for its ends are achieved by brass.
- 5 Yes, we are sure that it is bad,

or nearly so, Beryl (hidden).

- 6 Existing.
- 7 Tropical American fruit trees.
- 8 European country.
- 11 I turn white, but not with fright.
- 14 Turn up a turf.
- 18 Red Indian, but quite the Parisian.
- 19 The little bird that made Kate break her slumbers—at least, so we hear.
- 20 Pants in America, but not esthetic.
- 21 Set back.
- 23 Heat up—as the uneducated say.
- 25 You may disagree with the end: it's all a matter of accent.
- 26 Church spire.
- 29 Hidden in Clue 5.
- 30 Just in case you find these old timers.

Yesterday's Solution.

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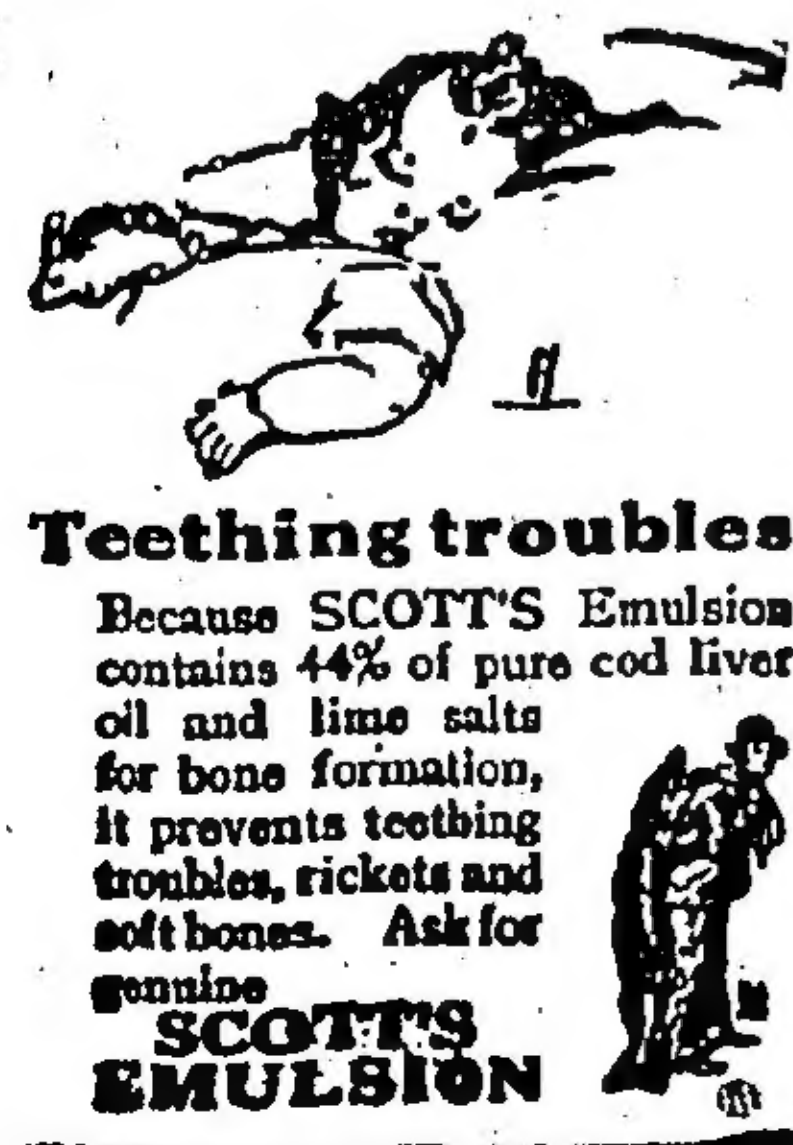
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CHAPTER XL

Tom, intent on his story, spoke slowly. He was seeing all that had happened, exactly as he described it. "Pratt stands there paralyzed for a moment. Then he hears you, Linda, coming as fast as you can run. He dashes for the door, realizes he can't make it. He crouches beside the wardrobe, hoping you won't come in but out of sight if you do. You rush in and go straight for the easement door. You couldn't tell it was murder but his own knowledge of guilt confuses his mind. He grabs up a towel from the chair—and you know the rest."

She was silent and Tom continued: "Remember he's seen me swimming in. He flings the towel out on the balcony, figuring no one will see it there and that he can get it later. He bends over you, waiting for me to come or for others who may be roused and cut off his retreat. Beat not try to get away. Tell that story of hearing you fall and stick to it."

"And now," said Linda speculatively, "he's peacefully at church."

"Now—and then—and all the time if he's a homicidal maniac," said Tom soberly, "all rules of conduct are null and void. He's sane except when something drives him cuckoo. He attacks—and kills—and is sane again. That is, always assuming he's the one."

Linda shivered. "Does that let Mr. Statlander off? He couldn't hear the noise so well at this end of the hall."

"But he could hear it. You heard it plainly. If he slept with his door open he could easily have been kept awake by it."

"The step I heard was at the other end of the hall."

"I noticed when he came in after you fainted how silently he walked. He had soft slippers on. If one board creaked it would account for the single step you heard."

"It seems to me," argued Linda carefully, "that a great deal hangs on whether Cousin Amos' door was closed or open and whether Mr. Statlander's was too. If both were open he could have been annoyed by the sound, and if both were closed he couldn't. If one were open and the other closed he might have and might not. Where are the men?" she added suddenly.

"On the terrace—around the place."

She had paused by the window toward the garage. Here comes Mr. Shaughnessy over to the house. She waved violently.

"Binks, wait! Oh, heck! You've called him now!"

"Why? What's the matter?"

"The room—we wanted to go in."

Her eyes rounded with horror. "I am dumb! Forget all about it! Now we can't go together. I'd forgotten it was locked—and wanted to make a test with the two doors. You have the key?"

All right. I'll go into Mr. Statlander's room and you go in there. Perhaps I can join you later."

"Hurry up, he's coming. I don't know yet what you want of him or what we do."

"I was going to ask him to get Mr. Statlander and Mr. DeVon down to the water so they can't possibly hear us or come back unexpectedly. Then, with one of us in each room, we can squeak that easement first with both room doors open, then with both shut, and then alternately—one open and one shut. It won't take a minute and it might prove a lot. Come on—I hear him on the steps."

They met their fellow conspirator on the upper landing.

"What can I do for you?" he asked expectantly.

Tom explained and the Irishman nodded.

"Easy enough. The western gentleman is down toward the water already and our Belgian friend will be coaxed to stroll after him."

"Are you sure you can do it?" whispered Linda anxiously.

"I'll be so winsome they can't resist me," muttered Shaughnessy grimly. "Do you watch from your window. You'll have time for the trial!"

As they saw the two tall figures move slowly down the lawn they hurried for the hall and the different rooms. Linda was ready at once but Tom lingered in the guest room. When he joined her she began impatiently:

"I could hear exasperatingly well with both doors open and fairly well with one closed. I'd say that if both were open Mr. Statlander is certainly very much in it but that if just one were closed he is pretty likely to be. So we must find out surely how

his door was last night."

Tom sat down and passed a handkerchief over his hot forehead.

"Now," he said, "forget Statlander for the moment and the squeak and the towel and the shirt and the rest. We must go down, and you must find an excuse to talk to Statlander. But—I found something in that room. Binks."

"Oh! What?"

"A book—a commonplace, heavy looking book. By 'M. Pratt.'"

"What—but what's that? I didn't know Marvin wrote. Where is it?"

Tom's mouth set firmly. "Put away, my darling child. Naughty, naughty. I had time only for a hasty glance—but oh, my! It's what would be classed in collector's catalogues and libraries as 'erotic.'"

"Marvin!" The exclamation was utterly incredulous.

"Exactly. Well, it seemed to have, ostensibly, a high moral purpose. Supposed to be about decadent religions in darkest Asia—and folk-lore translations—but somehow, from the title—I saw, it was a case of protesting too much. No, I'm afraid our Marvin slipped then—it was 10 years ago, incidentally, Binks, when he was younger and more callow—but he didn't quite put over his purely scientific motive."

"But—there—in Cousin Amos' room—?"

"Remember the old man threw his handkerchief over something and you supposed that he had some snappy reading beside Marcus Aurelius? You were darned right—but you little knew how snappy!"

"But did he bring it—how did he get hold of it—?"

"Don't ask me. I'd say offhand he didn't bring it. It's an awful big book and he had only that little bag. I think he came on it somewhere here—one of those old bookcases of Aunt Candace's. It looks dusty and neglected. I've always told you you should go over those books. Weed them out for valuable first editions and give the rest to the junkman."

"I'm always meaning to. They look so depressing!" Linda was at best no book-lover and depended on the circulating library or casual purchase of current successes for her reading matter.

"But still I don't see—"

"Wake up, Binks! Marvin tried to get in there, didn't he?"

"Oh—yes—"

"And you felt there was something more than rage against Cousin Amos—Sort of apprehension, you said—"

"That's so. Oh, Tom, I see it. I see it!"

"Of course! Why he was afraid you'd talked together, why he wanted to prevent—"

"What Cousin Amos was raging him about—but how did he find it?"

"If it was in the house, that man would find it. Particularly if he could use it to embarrass us or a guest. Yes, I think we've hit it. Somehow the old man got hold of it—"

"And threw it up to Marvin—"

"And Marvin was aghast at this early effusion coming to light—probably thought it lived down

by this time—and feeling as he does about you—"

"Tom!"

"Well, you can't deny he likes you, Binks, and as a result of your early acquaintance he thinks of you as a sort of kid compared to him—"

"Um, yes—I suppose so. Oh, Tom, how did Aunt Candace ever get it into her rows and rows of respectable old standbys?"

"That, my darling, is a mystery we do not have to solve, thank fortune! Our problem is who got it out—and whence, and how."

"Tom—it's high tide!"

"I know. We simply must go. They all want a swim. We'll think about this—I don't know just how it fits in but it's no end mysterious. Come on and round 'em up. Don't forget you're to vamp Statlander. Haven't anything to

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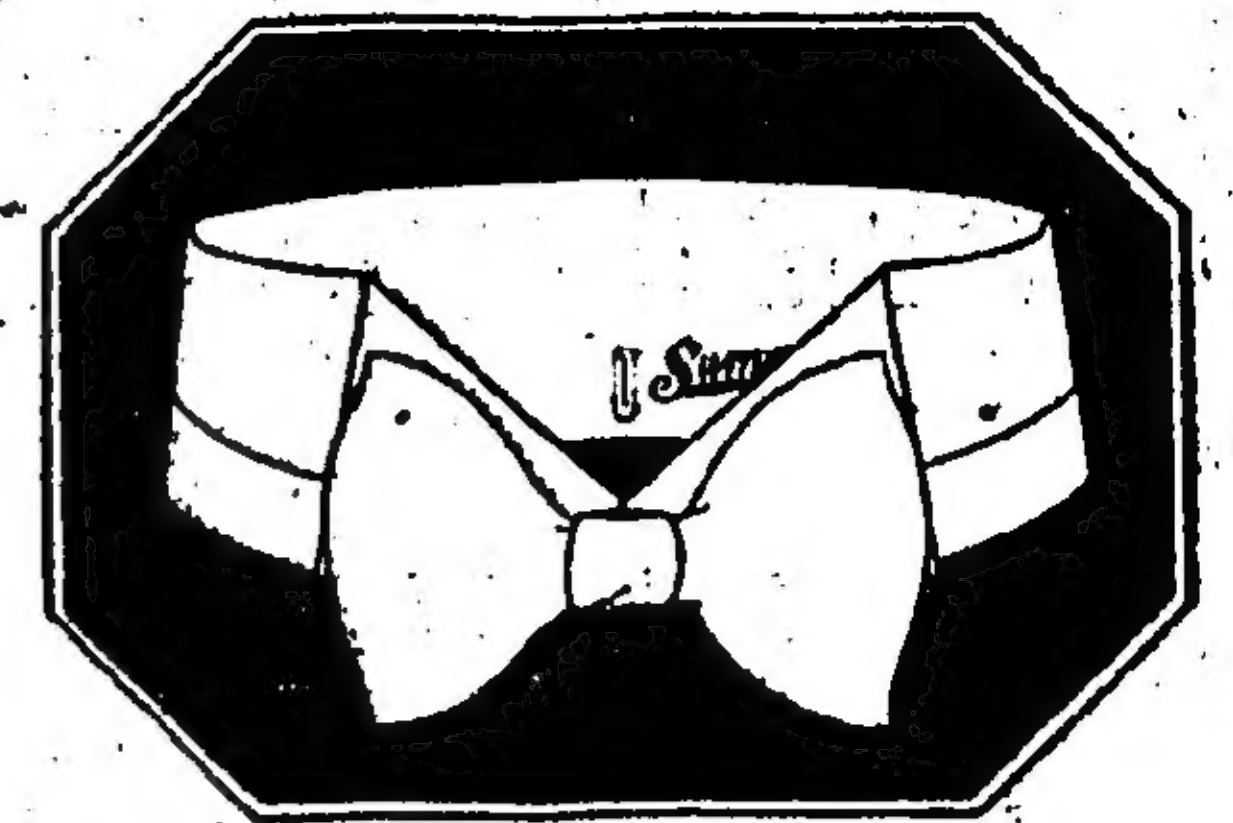
"Bill," a City Corporation horse, can see a joke and enjoy it. He is such good friends with the dustmen who work the cart that he draws, that he will, at a word from them, throw back his head and give a hearty laugh. "Bill" learned to do this naturally, through imitating the dustmen who he has accompanied for years in their rounds in the City of London. (Photo Planet News, Ltd.)



Much technical detail has been worked out towards international disarmament, Norman H. Davis, United States expert at the Geneva conference, said as he arrived in New York aboard the Manhattan. He is shown above with Rear Admiral Arthur J. Hapburn (right), another member of the American arms delegation, as they landed.



A friendly crowd of upwards of 1,000 persons gathered at the railroad station in Washington to bid welcome to President Hoover when he returned to the capital for the first time since his defeat in the Presidential election. He is shown shaking hands with some of his supporters who were on hand when his train pulled in from Palo Alto, Cal.



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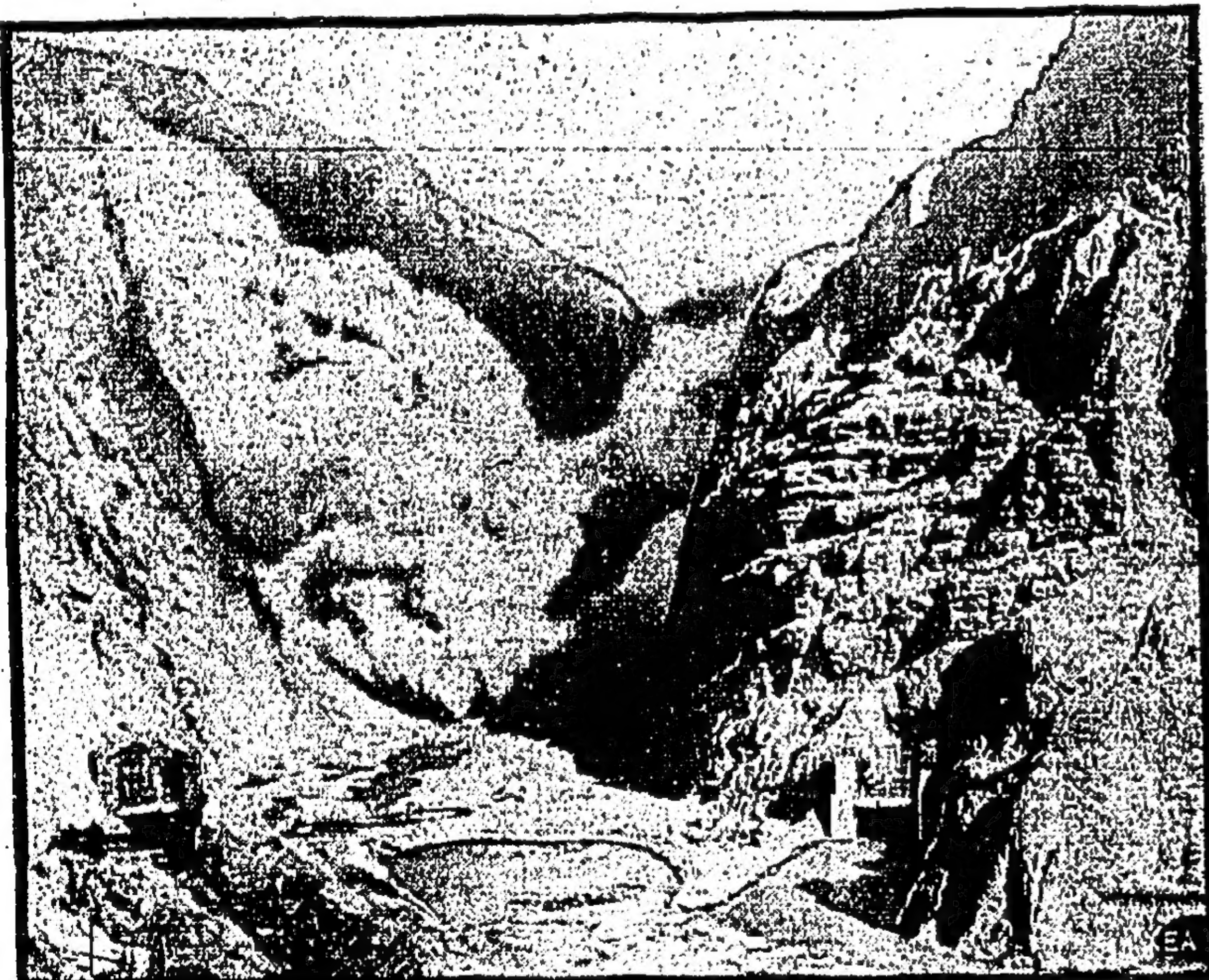
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ARE THE MARX BROTHERS REALLY FUNNY?

ANY attempt to criticize Marxian humour—not Karl of that ilk, but the queer quartet now showing *Horacefathers* at the King's—is, has and always will be influenced by personal opinion: there is probably no other screen act, barring Garbo, provocative of greater diversity of opinion. The merry, madcap four burst on the dazzled public in *Cocanuts* three years ago, and their admirers and enemies, after *Animal Crackers* and *Monkey Business* still remain numerically the same. There is no changing: if you liked them in *Cocanuts*, you'll like them till they run out of ideas, if ever. And the crowds who swore that *Cocanuts* was the most insane and intolerable issue of Hollywood imbecility, will continue to sit like sphinxes while the whole theatre rocks.

Irrelevance, improbability and illusion are suggested by the title of their present show, and the whole three run riot. The quartet has never been madder, the story never merrier and the action never more madcap.

Yet a glimpse of *Horacefathers* provokes the question: "Are the brothers really funny, and if so, is the most being made of their talent? Legitimately speaking, the answers are (1) yes and (2) no. As musicians, Harpo and Chico are unique and entertaining and beneath the incoherent ramblings, of the garrulous Groucho, there is a strain of commonsense and even relevance. But Harpo is so lyrical in his animal madness and Groucho destroys order with such calm that something fantastic could have been made from their efforts.

With the Marxian talents there seems a grand opportunity to create a work akin to *Allice in Wonderland*, but instead we have music hall sketches loosely flung together and linked by poor patter. The impression left by the picture is that the producers thought that with any material the Marxes are funny enough. The are, but could be funnier, and if given a genuinely comic idea instead of verbal wit they could bring a real humorous novelty to a screen sorely in need of freshness.

MAKE-UP BOX BUSY.

MAKE-UP men worked overtime for *Strange Interlude*, the M.G.M. version of Eugene O'Neill's stage masterpiece, the Sunday attraction at the Queen's. They were called on for fine transformations of age for the four central characters, Norma Shearer, Clark Gable, Alexander Kirkland and Ralph Morgan, who are depicted growing from youth to age in a series of gradual changes as the action covers more than 30 years.

Strange Interlude's most interesting cinema point is the attempt conveying thoughts: neither the screen nor stage have yet captured this effectively, and probably never will. Director Robert Z. Leonard, in this film, has used the same device employed in a short featuring Walter Huston as Jean Valjean, *The Bishop's Candlesticks*, four years ago. The lips do not move, while the artist's thoughts are broadcast in his own voice simultaneously. The method is probably the nearest the talking screen will approach to the almost impossible.

HISTRIONIC HIGHLIGHTS.

BRILLIANT acting has saved many a melo-drama from failure, and it is only because of the work of Lil Dagover, Walter Huston and Warren William that *The Woman from Monte Carlo*, now at the Queen's, keeps its audience in tension. Entertaining if you like the improbable, but more so for its really superb work.



Lil Dagover, famous continental stage and screen star, appears in her first American production—*"A Woman from Monte Carlo."*

This is Lil Dagover's first release here, although an earlier film *Compass Dancers* has been previewed. This was one of the UFA 1931 productions with the foreign star playing only a minor role. As the *Monte Carlo* woman, in the M.G.M. film she is fit company for Huston and William who even excels his work in *Skyscraper Souls*.

GRACIE MAKES HER BOW.

OUR first opportunity of seeing Gracie Fields on the screen will be *Looking on the Bright Side*, at the King's on Sunday. Gracie is in need of no introduction and judging on the sale of her gramophone records here, she has many admirers. This is a British film, produced at the Radio studio, and it should be interesting to note if Gracie will go the way of many a radio and gramophone artist pitchforked into talkies. There

CINEMA PROGRAMME

TO-DAY.

King's: "Horacefathers," Queen's: "Woman from Monte Carlo."

Central: "Young Bride," Star: "Polly of the Circus," Majestic: "While Paris Sleeps," Oriental: "My Pal the King," World: "Three Modern Girls."

TO-MORROW.

Central: "Thank."

SUNDAY.

Queen's: "Strange Interlude," King's: "Looking on the Bright Side."

has been a constant stream of them during the past four years and Chevalier and Cliff Edwards are about the only two who have remained.

ANOTHER ALDWYCH RIOT.

NO recommendations are needed for *Thank*, due to-morrow at the Central, for Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn, together with the merry Aldwych cast, are like the Fox Movietone News, and are for themselves. Although it is a little slow in getting into stride, *Thank* grows in heartiness to positively prodigious proportions, and has the usual plethora of absurd situations—this time in a haunted house—with Ralph Lynn, as insane as ever, providing most of the laughs.

Tom Walls, also as director, has never done better work, in handling the megaphone, and the cutting and editing is the best of the many Aldwych films.

MR. E. R. HALLIFAX RETIRING.

LONG CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

The departure in April of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., on long service leave, preparatory to his retirement, will leave a real gap in official and social circles in the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax has spent practically the whole of his working life in the Far East, coming to Hongkong in 1897 at the age of 23 as a Cadet. Within fifteen months of his arrival Mr. Hallifax was appointed Acting Police Magistrate in the New Territories, and, passing his Final Examination in September, 1900, was noon afterwards appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police and Police Magistrate in the New Territories.

He became Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police in 1902, and in 1905 was seconded as Transvaal Emigration Agent at Chinwangtao. He resumed his substantive appointment in 1906, and in 1907 was appointed Acting Assistant Land Officer in the New Territories, in addition to his substantive duties.

He became Registrar General in 1911, the title being changed to that of Secretary for Chinese Affairs in the following year. He was given the O.B.E. in 1918 and the C.B.E. in 1923. He became a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils in November, 1912.

Towards the end of 1924 he left the Colony to act as Commissioner of the Hongkong section of the British Empire Exhibition, and in recognition of his valuable services in England, was awarded the C.M.G. in the 1925 New Year Honours.

Returning to the Colony in 1925, Mr. Hallifax became Acting Colonial Secretary. Since then, he has on several occasions discharged the duties of Colonial Secretary, the last occasion being during the period of Sir William Peel's absence from the Colony last year.

Keen Sportsman.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Hallifax was at one time Hon. Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. The present old course was planned from a survey by Colonel Close, in 1911, Mr. Hallifax, who originally suggested the site, materially assisting in making its use possible.

Throughout the whole of his service with the Hongkong Government, Mr. Hallifax has proved himself a most conscientious and painstaking official. Occupied during the last two decades with the advice and control of the Chinese population, to which he is "father," his work has been purely administrative and necessarily quiet. To newspaper representatives, Mr. Hallifax has always been difficult to "pump" but it has always been realised in journalistic circles that his work was necessarily delicate, calling for certain qualities of statesmanship that do not admit undue newspaper publicity.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax will leave Hongkong at the end of April on service leave, and will automatically retire when it expires in November. At last Monday night's Interport golf dinner a presentation was made to him, cordial tribute being paid to his services to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

ANOTHER M.C.C. DRAW.

Larwood's Eight Wickets Against Queenslanders.

Brisbane, Feb. 2. The M.C.C. match against the Queensland country team at Townsville has been drawn. The country team scored 210, of which Brittle made 65 and Raymond 53. Larwood took eight or 28.

The M.C.C. lost three for 187 in the second innings, Jardine making 77 not out. —Reuter.

CONSTABLES CHARGED ALLEGED EXTORTION FROM SHOOTING GALLERY OWNER

Sin Cheuk, the complainant in the case in which four Indian constables are charged with obtaining "squeeze," was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination yesterday afternoon when the case was resumed at the Kowloon Magistrate's court before Mr. Butters.

Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P., was in charge of the case for the Crown, while Mr. Hin-shing Lo defended all defendants.

Defendants are Sodagar Singh (B590), Naranjan Singh, (B054), Gurdit Singh (B553) and Gurdit Singh (B116).

Sin Cheuk stated that he was the part-owner of the shooting gallery at No. 239 Lai-chikok Road, ground floor, which he opened on January 20 in preparation for the Chinese New Year celebrations. At about 11 a.m. on the same day, two Indian constables went into the shop and asked why there was such a big crowd. They accused him of conducting a gambling school and he alleged, asked him for \$5 as "tea money."

Witness could not say who these constables were, but he could definitely say they were B553 and B116 because he had seen their numbers. He refused to pay them. B553 was talking to him, while B116 was standing at the doorway. They got together and chased all his customers away.

Money Paid.

Witness and his partners then discussed the matter, and finally decided to give in. B553 and B116 were still at the shop and witness handed \$5 to the former, who also told him that they would come round daily to collect the money.

The next day, witness made a report to the Police at Yaumati, and in consequence of his report, Inspector Booker, Detective Sergeant Meadows, and two Chinese detectives went back to his shop with him. They gave him a \$5 bill and instructed him to give this note to the Indians if they came for the money.

Shortly after he had returned to his shop, two Indians dressed in plain clothes came in and asked for money. He accordingly handed the note to them.

Witness could not recognise these two men again, although he was sure they were not the first two defendants.

In the course of a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Lo, witness denied that any of the defendants had been to his shop to gamble.

Mr. Lo—I put it to you that the first defendant went into your shop, gambled with you, won 80 cents, and asked you to pay him in cash instead of cigarettes?—No.

Witness went on to say that even if anybody else had won 80 cents worth of cigarettes, he would not have agreed to pay money as this would not be lawful.

In answer to further questions, witness denied that the shooting gallery was opened before January 20.

The case was adjourned.

OBITUARY.

LONDON DIRECTOR OF BRADLEY & CO.

News was received by cable in Hongkong yesterday from London, of the death of Mr. G. A. Richardson, one of the Directors of Bradley and Co., who was a former resident of China of many years standing. He was a son of the founder of the firm, the late Mr. T. W. Richardson, who came out to Hongkong from Edinburgh in 1855, and entered into partnership with the late Mr. C. W. Bradley at Swatow in 1860.

The late Mr. G. A. Richardson came out to Swatow about thirty years ago, to join the firm, and after a short period there was transferred to Shanghai, later

OBITUARY

FAMOUS ENGLISH RACE-HORSE BREEDER

London, Feb. 1. The death occurred to-day of Lord Wavertree, famous breeder of English thoroughbreds.—Reuter.

William Hall Walker, sportsman, breeder in astrology and first Baron Wavertree, was born in 1856 and educated at Harrow. His father was Sir A. B. Walker, Bart., who owned considerable property in Liverpool and Derby.

In his early manhood Wavertree took an active part in the Volunteer movement and became Hon. Colonel of the 56th West Lancashire Territorial Engineers and of the Royal Artillery Special Reserve. In 1900 he was elected Conservative M.P. for the Widnes Division, retaining the seat until 1919 when he was raised to the peerage.

But it was in sports and pastimes that his interest really lay. In addition to being a fine and daring rider he bred racehorses at Tully Stud, Kildare, and trained them at Russley Park, Wiltshire.

Bred Minors.

It was he who bred and trained Minors, the horse which won the Derby for King Edward VII in 1909. Minors also won the Two Thousand Guineas. Wavertree's other horses brought him a large number of successes over a period of many years. He rode them occasionally himself and in 1910 won the House of Commons' Lightweight Point-to-Point Steeplechase.

In 1916 however, when the war brought about a shortage of horses, he presented the whole of his racing stable to the nation to start a national stud.

In 1926 Wavertree came into conflict with Epstein, the sculptor. The latter had sent two pieces of sculpture to an exhibition in Liverpool. In opening it, with a breezy speech Wavertree said of these that "a very poor artist would have done better, if he had submitted his worst." Epstein announced his intention of withdrawing the sculptures and said his protest was not against criticism, but against Lord Wavertree's bad manners in abusing, while opening an exhibition, the work of an artist who had been invited to send in. The peer then apologised.

Wavertree ruled his life in accordance with the position of the planets. He did not claim to be an astrologer in the sense of being able to read the future from planets, but had a strong belief in the powers of others to do so. For many years he received a weekly horoscope and claimed that the forecasts were of value. He believed particularly in astrology as a means of fixing a suitable time for a surgical operation.

Wavertree leaves no heir.—I. B. S.



An engagement ring on the finger is no sign that wedding bells are on hand.

taking charge of Bradley and Co's interests in the northern port. He became a partner, and was one of the first directors of the concern when it was formed into a limited liability company in 1913. He left the Far East in 1920 to enter the London office, and had directed the firm's interests from the City since then.

As a mark of respect, the flag over the Hongkong Club was flown at half mast yesterday.

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DEATH.

BAIN.—Bertha Bain, wife of Mr. A. Bain, died at Matilda Hospital at 10.30 p.m. on 2nd February, 1933. Cortege will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day, Jewish Cemetery.

The
Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1933.

THE FIRE-CRACKER DANGER

However belated the action of the authorities may have been in deciding to grapple with the fire-cracker storage question, there can be no two opinions regarding the desirability of that action. In more than one fire within recent years it has been shown that the presence of fire-crackers on the premises was a contributory factor, and it is doubtless in view of this fact that more stringent regulations have been promulgated. Premises of the shop-tenement type have been the usual storage-places for these dangerous goods, and in many instances tons of fire-crackers have been stacked in the lower floors of such buildings, constituting a menace to those who happen to live above. In one of the cases which has just come before the Court, it was shown that the crackers were stored close to a kitchen, a circumstance which illustrates the extreme danger when the premises happen also to be used as dwelling quarters. The chief point raised on behalf of the firms interested in this business, during the hearing of this week's cases, was that the regulations were such that they could not possibly be complied with, by reason of lack of storage space. This, is course, is on the presumption that the exporters remain in their existing premises. But it is precisely this danger which needs removing. Congested residential areas are not the places in which to store fire-crackers; indeed, the authorities should long ago have taken steps to prevent the danger from assuming its present dimensions. Instead of that, the exporting firms have been permitted to rub along with makeshift accommodation until the evil has become really serious. If the regulations cannot be complied with on existing premises, the obvious remedy is that other quarters must be found where it will be possible to insist on such precautions

as are deemed necessary. However inconvenient, or even expensive, this may be to the firms concerned, the point emphasised by Mr. Wynne-Jones is the dominating consideration—namely, that the safeguarding of the public from danger must take precedence over every other factor. If the enforcement of the new regulations results in the present haphazard system of storage being brought to an end, then a decided step forward will have been taken in protecting the public from a very real danger. In these matters, it is far better to err on the side of safety than to allow a latitude which might easily have the most regrettable consequences.

A Talkie Problem

According to a Hollywood message, language barriers, which now restrict the distribution of talking pictures and constitute one of the most serious marketing problems for the motion picture producer, may prove a boon to the industry after all. In fact, it is the opinion of Dr. Martin Freudenthal, counsellor of Legation in the German Foreign Office, that this bit of adversity is the most hopeful aspect of the whole film situation. Having failed to surmount the language barrier by any other means, he says, motion picture producers must develop entertainment having a universal appeal. "Films of the better sort have enjoyed a salient success, regardless of language and irrespective of the form in which they have been shown," he said during an interview recently. "It seems that the talkie situation works as a stimulus for the creation of really outstanding pictures. Some American films of high artistic quality have been successful in Europe, and some European films have been immensely popular in America. They do not have to depend upon words." After spending six months in the States studying all phases of production and distribution in American studios, Dr. Freudenthal completed what is regarded as one of the most remarkable surveys of its sort ever made by a foreign nation. It deals particularly with an evaluation of methods employed by the amusement industry in making adjustments to meet changed business conditions.

Still Going Strong!

Much interest was recently centred in the annual "old car" race held in England. The race was run from London to Brighton and commemorates the coming into force, in 1896, of the Locomotives on Highways Act. Prior to the enactment of this law, every road car was compelled to keep its speed down to a walking pace and to be preceded by a man with a red flag. This was done to protect the public against steam traction engines and road-making machines. The London-Brighton run, a unique event in all motor-dom, is confined to cars manufactured not later than 1904. Naturally, they must negotiate the entire course under their own power. In the "Old Crocks" event of 1931 a woman driver took part in an ancient vehicle for which she had paid 15 shillings! It is amazing how many entrants there are for this race each year, and how many of the veterans manage to go the route without mishap. Any number of humorous incidents usually occur, and the crowds lining the roadways join with the drivers in entering into the fun of the occasion. That such a race can be held, however, and that twenty-eight-year-old veterans of hundreds of thousands of miles of travel can still move along at a good pace, is certainly a tribute to this form of locomotion which in a generation has swept the world.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

IT IS OPEN TO SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER, AMONG NATIONAL MANUFACTURES, THAT OF SOULS OF A GOOD QUALITY MAY NOT AT LAST TURN OUT A QUITE LEADINGLY LUCRATIVE ONE.—Ruskin.

TENNIS BALL WIVES: PROBLEM OF INTERFERING RELATIVES

The tennis ball wife is she who is so anxious to make herself popular both with her own family and that of her husband that she attempts to be implicitly obedient to a hundred varying suggestions which a hundred varying people may offer her. She becomes, in fact, a human tennis ball who is spun from one end of the court to the other and back again in a feverish effort to please everyone and offend no one. She has neither the presence of mind nor the stability to take unto herself the properties of the tennis net which remains stolidly between the courts inclining neither to one side nor the other.

Therein lies her great mistake. To a young married woman whose parents and in-laws are genuinely fond of her and interested in her, life can be very complicated. How often does it happen that mother puts forward some earnest request that cannot possibly be granted without causing deep offence to mother-in-law, or that first cousin Emily recommends an infallible mode of dress or behaviour that would be anathema to husband's Aunt Jane? Impossible, it would seem to refuse any single favour or ignore the very least advice. Yet many of the favours are so completely antagonistic one to the other that the only method of complying with them all would be the determination to be "all things to all men." But, as this is one of the most uncomfortable, deceptive ways of living that one can imagine, few women would be content with such a solution.

The most fatal way of dealing with the problem is to tell one person what the other has advised. "Oh no, I couldn't possibly have blue wallpaper as So-and-So says it would be far too cold." "Yes, I agree with you, I do need a new coat, but mother was only pointing out yesterday how extravagant that would be." "Don't you like that would be?" "Oh dear, now what shall I do? My husband thinks it suits me so well."

If wise, the wife will switch on a current of firmness before it is too late, so that it electrifies her whole character to an extent that will permit her to address the fiercest as well as the meekest members of her family with words of independence. And whether she admits "Yes, I think your advice is good and therefore I will follow it," or "I think it had and therefore I won't," her tone will leave no doubt in the mind of her companion that she will at all times do that which she herself considers to be right provided it does no harm to others.

I was recently very interested in the fate of a friend of mine, who did allow herself, for a little while, to be a tennis ball wife. She is not very good looking, and she is not rich enough to make up for this deficiency with really smart clothes. Consequently she decided to adopt an original style of dress which, without being startling, was certainly distinctive, and became her very well. But no sooner did she flaunt a black cape and rather wide brimmed hat than her mother-in-law gently reproached her for making herself conspicuous and her mother stated that the whole outfit would be far more successful were it dyed red. Her indecision, therefore was painful. In both cases affection demanded that she should do as asked, yet she was intensely averse to doing either. And for a time she put aside all thought of

courage and looked like an exaggerated stage vamp in her mother's house, and an extremely plain and dowdy woman in her mother-in-law's.

It was her husband who brought her to her senses after a horribly dramatic day in which she had not only had an accidental meeting with her mother while she was wearing her old blue coat and skirt, but had actually run across her mother-in-law during the course of an afternoon excursion in pillar-box red.

It was her husband who pointed out that she was a married woman of twenty-two, with brains and personality of her own. That the way she dressed herself could neither harm nor influence anybody but herself. That if the difficulty had concerned the way she cooked her meals or swept her sitting-room then, indeed, her youth and comparative inexperience would compel her to take advice. But that, as it was, she was merely being weak and foolish not to wear the clothes she herself fancied.

The result was that the black cape and hat appeared once again, and that after the first feelings of resentment the charm and thoughtfulness which she was careful to show her relations made them forgive her "obstinacy" and decide to bear with her "curious ideas."

The tennis ball hurled itself into a tree and remained there. It will never be served again!

H. E. M. W.

Vanished—The Family Album

A writer of reminiscences has recently pointed out that of all Victorian institutions not one has suffered so disastrous a slump as the old family album. And the statement cannot be denied.

Whiskers here and there break the monotony of an avenue of bald faces; nightbirds are known in cathedral towers; aspindras look forth moodily from Bloomsbury windows, and red-funnel underwear—so say the drapers—still has its votaries. But the modern hostess would as soon admit that the goldfish had foot-and-mouth disease as that she harboured a family album. Occasionally one may be discovered in an attic propping up the "woolly" leg of an old oak chest, but in general they are no more in use than last year's almanac.

Yet fifty years ago the country was simply infested with family albums. Where are they now?

Well, the story goes that they have nearly all been exported to the more savage parts of Africa, Borneo and such places, where the natives have adapted the photographs as high-powered deities. If so it's a startling thought that one's hairy ancestor of the Reform Bill period may now be regularly worshipped with tom-toms and hula-hula dances by light-skinned men clad in nothing more than a band and a long spear.

Here I'll make a confession. Personally I am something of a misogynist and have little interest in women, yet if I had to make a choice between pictures of my host's wretched aunt and those of Great Garbo and Co., the latter group would get my vote every time.

Yet in one way those albums had their uses. A young suitor, for example, hanging his hat up in a Victorian home was invariably given the family album to look over.

This may have depressed him. Most likely it did. At the same time by studying the photographs of a couple of generations of his prospective "in-laws," he got a shrewd idea of the gang he was marrying into.

A. P. GARLAND.



"Always reading books! She'd better not let the stage director catch her wasting so much time improving her mind."

The Very Idea!

HYDROPHOBIA

By Eddie Kelly, Poodle-faker.

According to a news item in the paper yesterday a Singapore magistrate has ruled that a dog is entitled to his first bite, and damages cannot be recovered from the owner unless it is proved that someone else was the mug first.

The first thing we ever wrote for the edification of our Great and Admiring Public was about dogs. Dog-gone it, we've got to do it again now.

As one of Hongkong's biggest big game hunters we want to lodge a protest here and now about this decision.

Once the Hongkong magistrates get hold of a thing like that there's no telling where they'd stop. Take those New Territories tigers, for instance. One of these days someone'll come into court with a piece of his anatomy missing and will complain that he was bitten by a tiger.

"Yr honor," the defending counsel will say on behalf of the tiger, "my client has no case to answer. This is his first bite."

Then there'd be a lot of wrangling and snarling until they got down to the Singapore case of Rex v. Tibby, or whatever the dog's name is, and the tiger would be discharged. Without a spot on his character.

How do we know they'd draw the line at dogs? What are dogs, anyway? All they're useful for is to support Canada's greatest industry.

One dirty dog we know bit us twice and got away with it. Three bucks the first time and two bucks only last week.

One of these days Stella Benson or someone who doesn't like Hongkong is going to bring a lot of mad dogs to Hongkong and turn them loose on the Peak, in the Government Offices, Police Courts and amongst the shroffs.

Then the dogs will bite all these people, who will get hydrophobia and go mad and probably die.

What a chuck-in for Hongkong.

THIS IS ZBW CALLING—

As programme consultant to ZBW I am arranging a rather marvellous series of lectures for you. The broadcasts will take place, every Friday (except Sundays) on a wave-length of 117.6 heterodynes, and will be relayed from all stations, excepting that of the Kowloon Fire Brigade and Stonecutters. The former complain that although they realise the lecturers are distinguished, they prefer something extinguished. Water pity!

You can't afford to miss this intellectual treat which is explained below:

1. Mr. Edward Kelly on "The Shing Mun Dam, and other forms of swearing."
2. The Editor of the "Critic" on "Six reasons why the Government is always right."
3. "Veritas" on "The Interport Selectors."
4. The Interport Selectors on "Veritas."
5. Mitty Intelligentsia (aged 5) of the Peak on "The Philosophy of Romeo and its consequent effect on the guller industry."
6. The Directors of local banks on "Gold, Silver, Frankincense, and Myrrh, with possible reference to the Hongkong Dollar."

SLIMMIN'

Callin' on Doris Anchovy yesterday, we found her very depressed.

"It's the slimmin'," she told us. "Trottin' Melannde round the Peak isn't the exercise it ought to be; we mostly live in the Rolls. So I'm havin' to take drastic measures."

"What are you livin' on?" we asked.

"Coal, mostly," said Doris. "Here's my menu, if you want to look at it."

MENU.

Breakfast.—Orange juice; the pips of one apple; coal-dust on toast.

Lunch.—A small piece of coal.

Tea.—Hot water; the wheel of a walnut, grated; 10z. slack.

Dinner.—The juice of one plum. Dry toast.

Two small pieces of coal. 3 currants.

"My good girl," we said, horrified, "you're dyin' by inches."

"I know," said Doris. "And what wouldn't I give for a hot buttered crumpet!"

"The crumpets," we answered sentimentally, "will stand for you on the other side."

CANTON AMATEUR THEATRICALS

"LAME DUCKS" BIG SUCCESS

Shameen, Feb. 2.

"Lame Ducks," a most delightful little play given by the Canton Amateur Theatrical Society yesterday at the Canton Club Theatre. The players Mrs. Hill, Miss Anne Gillett, Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. W. R. Farmer, Mr. Claude Burgess, Mr. Gordon Eales, Mr. Loftus Paton, Mrs. Southam, Comte Jean de Perceval, Mrs. T. Brameld, and "Pinkie" Neckelmann.

Mrs. Hill, as always, acted splendidly, and portrayed the part of the long-suffering wife, of an excitable and temperamental nature, very well. Mr. Gordon Eales raised a laugh on his entry, and continued to do so all through the play, as the philanthropic husband, always ready to help the many "Lame Ducks" who invade his hearth and home. Mrs. Southam, as the impetuous French lady, whose motto appears to be "Love me, love my dog," was most entertaining and she interpreted this none too easy part without any flaw. Mr. Loftus Paton, another "Lame Duck" kept the audience well amused with his note book in which he entered his many debts so that he should not forget them. Mr. Roland Farmer, as the butler, gave a most finished rendering of this role of English respectability. The Comte de Perceval, as the jealous husband complete with knife, was highly entertaining during the short time he was on the stage. The other artists, who ably supported, were well chosen and it would be hard to find any one who did not do his bit well to make the play such a success.

At the end of the performance the author, Mr. Ronald Hall, was called for, and gave a delightful little speech, thanking the Producer, Mr. M. W. Finlay-Anderson, and last but not least, "that still small voice, which like our conscience cannot be heard, but can always be depended upon," namely Mr. Paxton, the prompter.

"Lame Ducks" will be again shown this evening, and judging by the splendid reception it had from all who saw it last night, there will be a full house again.

We hope that Mr. Hall will again be able to give the C.A.T.S. a play from his fertile brain.—Our Own Correspondent.

FERRY COMPANY FINED

CHEUNG CHAU STOPPAGE

Remarking that a contract is a contract, and if the company is bound by the Ferry Ordinance the Government must be obeyed first, the Hon. Comdr. Ho, at the Marine Court this morning, imposed a fine of \$100 on the Hongkong and New Territories Ferry Company, who were summoned for having failed to maintain the ferry service to Cheung Chau, in accordance with the schedule attached to their licence, on January 26 and 27.

Inspector James, prosecuting, said the ferry missed the 4 p.m. schedule on both days.

The defendant pleaded that the ferry did not operate on these two days as it was the Chinese New Year, and it was a custom which had been observed for the past ten years. Moreover, there were no passengers on the two days mentioned.

COTTON & WHEAT

LATEST NEW YORK QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York cotton and wheat exchange for yesterday:

	Opening	Closing	Range
March	5.76-5.79	5.79-5.79	
May	5.91-5.92	5.91-5.91	
July	6.03-6.02	6.04-6.04	
October	6.21-6.22	6.22-6.22	
December	6.35-6.34	6.37-6.37	
January	6.39-6.39	6.41-6.41	
Spot		6.40	

	What	47%
May	47%	47%
July	47%	47%
September	48%	
October		49

During the last few days, Hariram's Silk Store in Kowloon has been crowded with shoppers for the special sale, a large number of whom have crossed over from Hongkong.

ELEVENTH HOUR EFFORT

GENEVA EFFORT AT CONCILIATION

Geneva, Feb. 2.

As a result of instructions from Tokyo received by the Japanese Delegation here, it is understood that a last-minute attempt will be made to keep the Committee of Nineteen on Paragraph Three of Article XV, namely within the orbit of conciliation procedure. It is understood that the Japanese Delegation is holding a meeting tonight to decide how, when and to whom the communication shall be made. It is probable that the Chairman of the Committee of Nineteen will be approached tomorrow by Mr. Matsukata.

It is understood that the Japanese proposals will turn upon two points, namely, the abandonment of invitation to non-member States of the League, which has already been conceded and modification and not cancellation of the last paragraph of the *Exposé de Motifs*, which in its present form is held to prejudice the issue. The Japanese offer is made the terms of the decision of the Committee of Nineteen last month that Paragraph Three shall remain open until a decision made by the Assembly that the conciliation procedure has failed.

League circles are very sceptical of the chances of success of the Japanese proposals and doubt whether even unconditional acceptance of the resolution and *Exposé de Motifs* would now prevent the Committee proceeding with Paragraph Four. Everybody seems convinced that conciliation has failed and further tinkering with this procedure is merely a waste of time.

With the Committee of Nineteen in its present temper it cannot be denied that there is a tendency to strengthen the terms of the Draft resolution passed on December 15 and doubtless an attempt will be made to make the recommendations more pointed than even implied in the Lytton Report.

It has been confirmed that the Committee is unlikely to meet before Saturday morning, and although some quarters envisaged a meeting of the League Assembly next week, this is not generally shared.

The Chinese Delegation has communicated with the President of the Committee of Nineteen requesting him to report to the Assembly on the failure of conciliation and to lay down a definite limit to the extension of the time-limit as prescribed by the League Covenant. The time limit expired over five months ago and, it is said, has been held impossible to definitely fix a date. The Special Committee has rightly limited its work in the first instance to conciliation proposals, but in view of the failure thereof, due to Japanese intransigence, the Chinese Government request that the facts should be reported to the League Assembly at the earliest moment.—*Reuter*.

U.S. Co-operation

London, Feb. 2.

To-day's *Daily Herald* gives prominence to a report that definite co-operation is assured between the United States and the League in any step to be taken regarding the Sino-Japanese question.

In a leading article the *Daily Herald* says a united front between Geneva and Washington is very important and ensures that Japan will hear in no uncertain way the voice of the civilised world in condemning its flagrant violation of the letter and spirit of the Kellogg Pact.

Referring to what it describes as "Japan's policy of impudent obstruction," it says her latest declaration as regards conciliation is just playing with the question. Unless the League together with

DRIVE ON JEHOI

EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN FEW DAYS

Peking, Feb. 2.

Fears that the long heralded drive to Jehol is about to commence are felt here, on the receipt of reports from reliable sources at Mukden that heavy Japanese troop movements are going on down the Peking-Mukden Railway towards Chinchow. Mukden sources express the belief that the Japanese offensive will begin within a few days, aiming at the complete subjugation of Jehol, bringing it into the territory of Manchukuo. It is expected that the drive, if started, may not be easily completed, as the Chinese troops now in Jehol are in considerable numbers and are well established in country offering plenty of natural defences.

On the other hand the Japanese have incomparable aid in aircraft, against which Chinese troops have no defence.

Chinese sources state that Japanese planes appeared over Jehol City yesterday morning, re-

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

There will again be a varied display of topical pictures in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* Pictorial Supplement.

Weddings illustrated will include those of Mr. Horace Lo and Miss Grace Ho Tung, and Mr. A. Kidd and Miss D. M. Dods-Worth.

Amongst sporting fixtures of which pictures will appear are the interport golf and soccer matches, and the Macao and Fanning Races.

Other illustrations will include the Anzac Co. of the Defence Corps, which won the machine-gun competition, and the annual dinner of the Chinese Company of the Police Reserve.

Consulting for several minutes, and then flew off to the south-east. No bombs were dropped.

Messages from Harbin report that the Japanese are now fully in control of Taiheio, opposite Blagoveshensk. They are also building an aerodrome at Taiheio.—*Reuter*.

Foreign Advice.

Peking, Feb. 2.

Foreign advice from Mukden report heavy Japanese troop movements down the P.M.R. in the direction of Chinchow, and it is generally believed in Mukden that an important Japanese offensive against Jehol is on the point of being launched.—*Our Special Correspondent*.

Official Reports.

Peiping, Feb. 2.

An official Chinese bulletin reports that the volunteers attacked the Japanese position at Chiumenkow in the early hours of yesterday morning, retiring after a four hour engagement on account of Japanese aerial bombing and artillery fire. The volunteers resumed their attack in the evening when a more fierce engagement resulted. Hostilities are continuing.—*Our Special Correspondent*.

The United States can make Japan see reason, all talk about outlawing war becomes a mere mockery.—*Reuter's Special*.

WAR DEBTS

AMERICA PREPARING FOR BARGAINING

New York, Feb. 1.

Mr. Roosevelt is shielding his war debt plan very carefully, although it is understood he has discussed it with Walter Lippman and Professor Moley. The crux of the question appears to be that tariffs cannot be lowered until foreign currencies have been stabilised, both requiring international action which is possible at the economic conference and will take time to come into operation.

For this reason, Mr. Roosevelt's advisers are talking of a preliminary war debt moratorium for an unspecified period.

Meanwhile it is reported that Senator Cordell Hull has accepted the post of Secretary of State in the new administration. He will be chief authority on reciprocal tariffs.

Mr. Roosevelt declined to comment on Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech at the Association of American Newspaper Correspondents yesterday, when he made it clear that Britain had little to offer the United States, but Senator Borah, according to reports from Washington said if Britain were unwilling to discuss other questions in connexion with debt revision, "we have no alternative but to stand by the debt settlement already made."—*Reuter*.

Speech in London

London, Feb. 2.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, discussed the attitude of the British Government on inter-governmental debts in a statement yesterday to American journalists in London. He expressed gratification that the President-elect of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt, had communicated his views regarding procedure and other preliminary matters connected with the forthcoming negotiations, to the British Ambassador, who was due to arrive from New York on Monday.

He deprecated any suggestion that negotiations should be regarded in the light of a deal. Britain had no conception of bargaining with the United States on debt adjustment, as this was, in their view, as much in the interests of the creditor as of the debtor country.

Referring to the gold standard he said Britain could not go back to it on any parity until she was certain that it would work better for her than before she went off gold.

Referring to tariffs, Mr. Chamberlain said that Britain was bound by the Ottawa agreements, but that did not preclude negotiations for reciprocal arrangements with other countries.

On the subject of disarmament he expressed the view that if the next few weeks passed, without unsettling or disturbing events in Europe some tangible results might be expected from the Disarmament Conference and such results would be very helpful to the negotiations, although he did not admit there was any connexion between debts and disarmament.—*British Wireless*.

Footwear Duties.

Washington, Feb. 1.

President Hoover has sanctioned an increase in the tariff on footwear. The increases affect fabric uppers, rubber-soled footwear, boots, shoes, and other footwear consisting wholly or chiefly of rubber.

The tariff will be operative from March 3rd and will be assessed on the basis of the American selling price.—*Reuter Morning Post Special*.

CHEAP CREDITS.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TELLS OF SUCCESS

London, Feb. 2.

Mr. L. Hore Belisha, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, referring in a speech at Devonport to the Government's policy of providing cheap credit said the first result was a saving of £38,000,000 per annum in respect of interest on national debt. In 1932, he proceeded, £75,900,000 was raised by borrowers in the United Kingdom for industrial purposes, compared with £32,900,000 in the previous year. The significance of these figures lay in the fact that it was only by new capital issues for new plant machinery and factories that unemployment could be solved.

There had been no decline in 1932 in production of goods which were sold in shops and consumption of these goods had remained steady. He claimed that by their policy of providing cheap money, the Government had created conditions in which it was possible for industry to raise money which it could spend remuneratively. The Bank of England, he added, had recovered nearly £7,000,000 of the gold paid to America last month and there was now more gold in the Bank of England than there was 12 months ago.—*British Wireless*.

RADIO BROADCAST

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4.30-7 p.m. Chinese programme.
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7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.
7.15-8.40 p.m. Variety.
8 p.m. (Local Time & Weather Report).
Song—Linger a Little Longer in the Twilight.
Binnie Hale (Soprano). DB970.

Band—Evensong.
The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band. DB967.

Song—The Stillness of the Night.
Norman Long (Comedian). DB978.

Band—On a Christmas Tree.
Vocal Medley—Have You Forgotten. DB962.

Columbia Light Opera Company. DB962.
Organ Solo—Underneath the Arches. DB969.

Orchestra—Tell me To-night.
Albert Sandler & His Orchestra. DB984.

Vocal Duet—Moon.
Layton & Johnstone. DB985.

Band—Accordeon Nights.
Gerald & His Accordeon Band. DB983.

Vocal Duet—Silver Hair and Heart of Gold.
Layton & Johnstone. DB989.

Song—Love me To-night.
Binnie Hale (Soprano). DB970.

Band—A Little Love, A Little Kiss.
The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band. DB967.

Song—Fifty-Four and Quid.
Norman Long (Comedian). DB978.

Band—Jolly Old Christmas.
Delroy Somers Band. GB520.

Organ Solo—The Old Man of the Mountain.
Quentin M. Maclean. DB969.

Orchestra—Where the woods are Green.
Albert Sandler & His Orch. DB984.

Vocal Duet—Keep Your Last Good-night for Me.
Layton & Johnstone. DB985.

Vocal Duet—Round the Bend of the Road.
Layton & Johnstone. DB989.

8.40-9 p.m. Operatic.
Song—Aida—Ritorna Vincitor (Verdi). Eva Turner (Soprano). L2160.

Band—The Meistersingers—Selection (Wagner).
Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9424.

Song—The Flying Dutchman—Steersman's Song (Wagner). 9746.

Song—The Flying Dutchman—Erik's Song (Wagner). 9746.

Orchestra—Pagliacci—Selection (Leoncavallo).
New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra. 9441.

Vocal Duet—Rigoletto—Act I, Scene 2 (Verdi).
Carlo Galeffi & Ernesto Dominieli.

Vocal Trio—11 Trovatori—Act I, Finale (Verdi).
Gianna Arancio-Lombardi, Francesco Gianna-Arancio-Lombardi, Francesco Gianna-Arancio-Lombardi. L2356.

9-9.20 p.m. From the Studio.
A pianoforte recital by Miss Dorcen Ma.

Programme.
Waltzes. Waltz from "Dishonoured" Merry Widow—Love You Truly—My Lover—Savannah Last Dance for Me—One Kiss—Viennese Nights.

Interval.
Potpourri of Popular Melodies. Samson & Delilah—Home—I Bring a Love Song—Love, You Funny Thing—Snuggled on your Shoulder—Oh What a Thrill—If it Ain't Love—Lullaby of the Leaves—All of Me. 9.20-10.5 p.m. A Concert.

Song—Bronwen—Cradle Song (Ellis-Holbrook).
Doris Vane (Soprano). LX78.

Cello Solo—Menuet (Paderewski).
Cello Solo—Spanish Dance (Carrasco).
Lullaby of the Leaves—All of Me. 9.20-10.5 p.m. A Concert.

Chorus—Golden Slumbers Kiss Your Eyes (arr. Dunhill).
Chorus—Ye Banks and Braces (arr. Dunhill).

Boys of St. Mary of the Angel's Choir School. DB987.

Piano Solo—Berceuse (Chopin).
Piano Solo—Minuet from Suite (Suk).

Ignaz Friedmann. L2260.
Song—Tom Der Heimer (Loewe).
Ivar Andreen (Bass). L2372.

Violin Solo—La Capricieuse (Elgar).
Violin Solo—Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).
Bronislaw Huberman. LX137.

10.5-10.30 p.m. Orchestral.
Salome—The Dance of the Seven Veils (R. Strauss).
Bruno Walter conducting the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. LX30.

Brigade Fair—An English Rhapsody (Dellus).
Sir Thomas Beecham and His Symphony Orchestra. L2294/L2295.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.35 p.m. Close Down.

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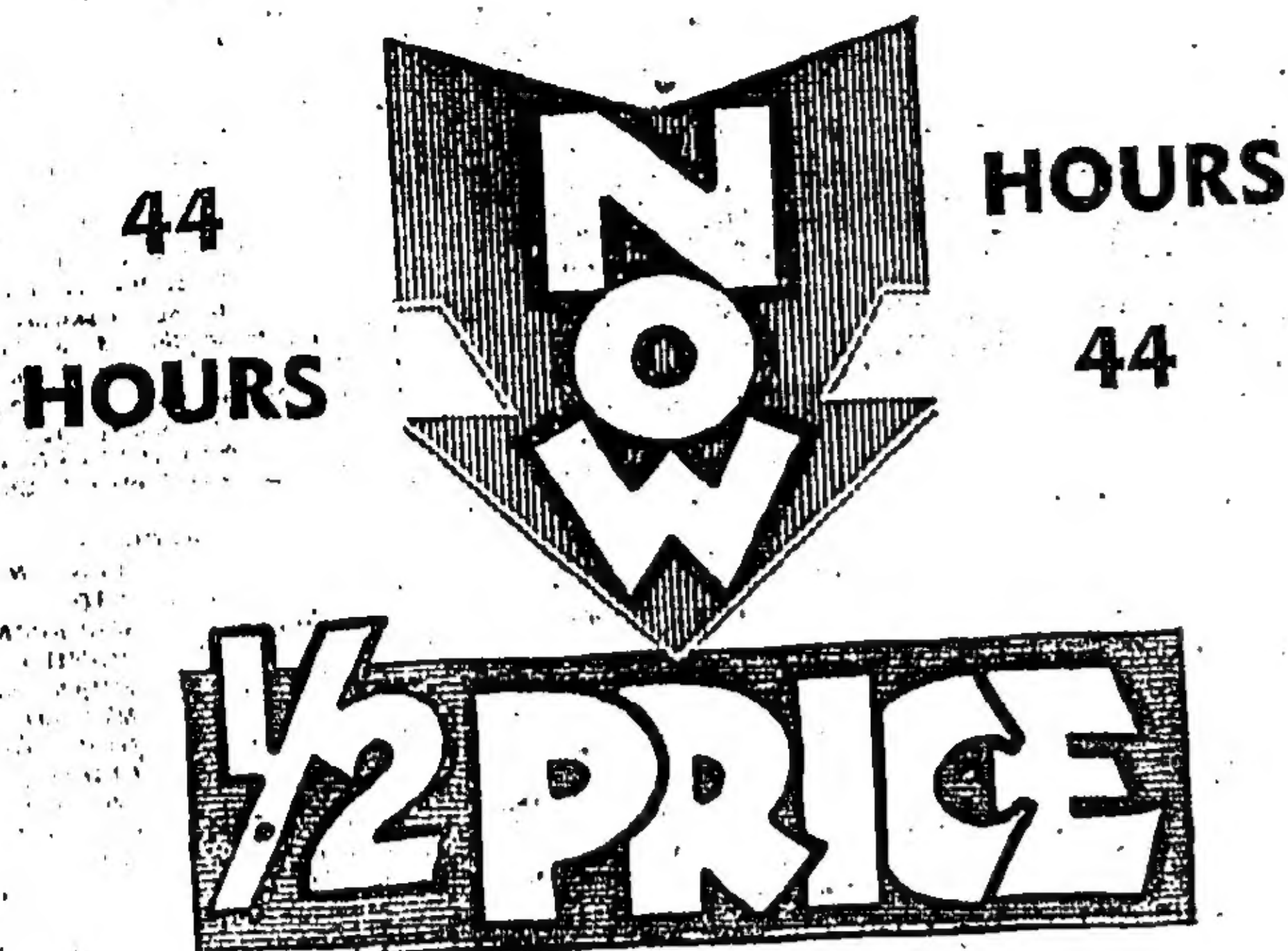
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By W. E. McKenney

We often hear a player remark about the "bad breaks" he gets at the bridge table. There is no denying that some hands do break badly, but quite often "bad breaks" are due to bad playing or not planning a hand out far enough in advance. The following hand well exemplifies this particular point.

♠ Q-8-7-2	♠ A
♥ A-9-7-4	♥ 8-6-3
♦ J-2	♦ K-8
♣ 10-9-5	♣ 6-4
♠ 9-5-4-3	♠ A
♥ Q-10	♥ 8-6-3
♦ 9-5-3	♦ K-8
♣ 8-4-3	♣ 6-4
	♣ Q-J-7
	♣ 2
	♣ A-K-6

The Bidding.

South, the dealer, opened the contracting with one spade. West passed and North bid two spades. East passed and South bid three hearts. This showing of a second suit is a highly constructive bid and I practically forcing. North showed that he could support either major, and that he was perhaps equally strong in both, by bidding four hearts which South passed.

The Play.

West has the opening lead—the natural suit to open, the diamonds. Here is a point to which I wish to call your attention—the opening lead of a ten is not made from the top of a sequence such as 10-9-8, but is made to show a higher honour (for example Q-10-9) as the leader in this case holds. You will see that this information proves very valuable in a later play.

West's ten spot was covered by dummy's Jack. East played the king, and South won the trick with the ace. He then led the jack of hearts. West covered, and dummy won the trick with the ace. A small spade was returned from dummy which East won with the ace. This play of the ace by East clearly marks him with a singleton—as South had bid spades there was no hurry for East to play other than second hand low.

As his partner had opened the ten of diamonds, East now knew that he held the queen so he led a small diamond which West won with the queen, and then led a spade which East ruffed. In this manner the declarer's contract of four odd was defeated.

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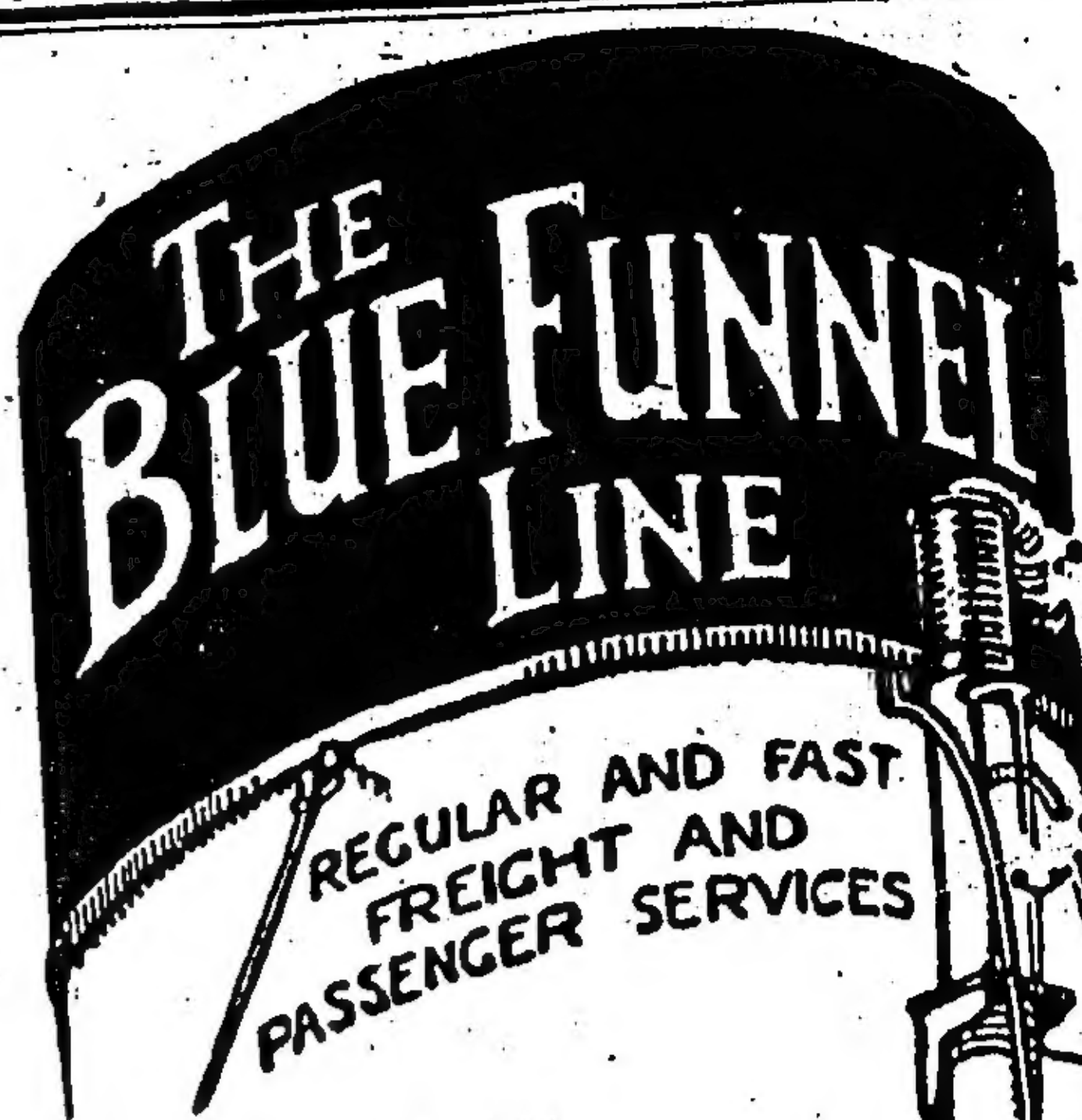
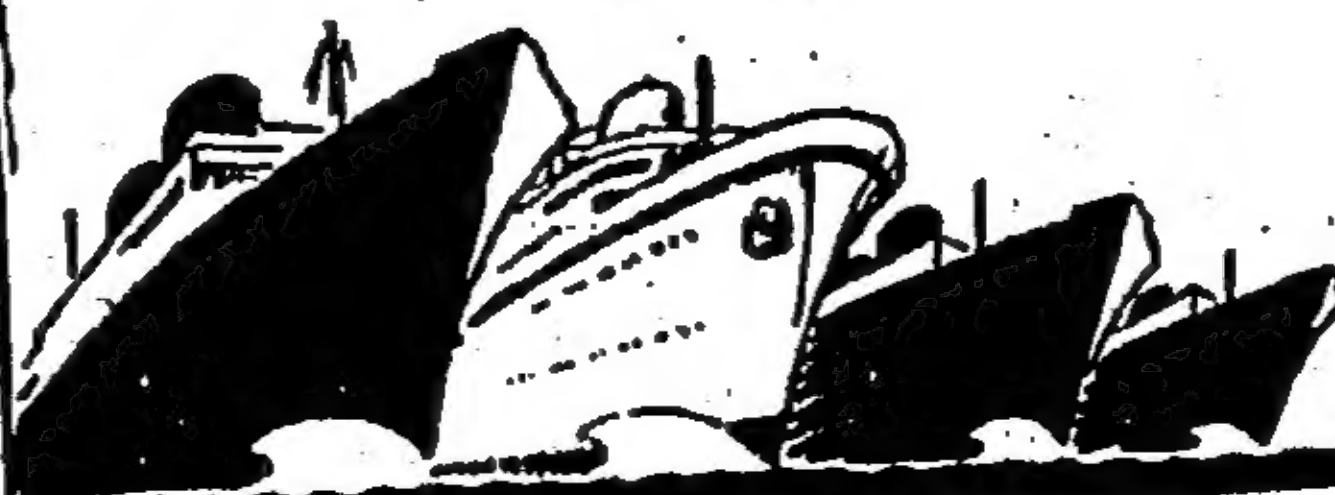
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FIRST BIRTHDAY

MANIFESTO OF WORK OF DISARMAMENT

London, Feb. 2.
The Disarmament Conference to-day celebrated its first anniversary, and a manifesto on its work issued on behalf of a large number of national organisations, political, educational and industrial, has been communicated to the heads of the British Government and the British delegation at Geneva.

Signatories state that at the anniversary they re-affirm the conviction that early achievements of a substantial measure of general disarmament by international agreement is imperatively needed both for just and peaceful world order and for that confidence without which economic recovery is impossible. Signatories profess themselves disappointed, though not heartened, by inadequate progress during 1932 and promise support for a policy of drastic international disarmament.

Geneva Session.

At Geneva the General Commission of Conference to-day began its examination of the French Plan. When this has been discussed the Commission will take up the new British suggestions for the programme of work designed to expedite the business of the conference.—*British Wireless.*

GAISWORTHY'S INTERMENT

MAY BE BURIED IN ABBEY

London, Feb. 2.
There is a widespread desire that John Galsworthy be buried in Westminster Abbey as the nation's tribute to the distinguished author. His closest friends, including famous writers, are approaching the authorities with this end in view.

According to Galsworthy's wish, his remains will be cremated at Woking, with a service to-morrow. His widow has received telegraphed condolences from Sandringham as follows.—"The King and Queen are grieved to hear of the death of your distinguished husband and assure you of their true sympathy in your sorrow. His Majesty knows what a loss to literature has been sustained by the death of Galsworthy and that it will be deeply regretted both at home and abroad."

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister has sent the following message.—"May I send my deepest sympathy. His passing leaves an irreplaceable gap in world literature."

One of Galsworthy's last acts was to inform the Pen Club, of which he had been chairman since its foundation, giving them £90 of the Noble Prize awarded him.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL.

MR. HARRY ORE AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE

A large audience at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon listened to Mr. Harry Ore's brilliant pianoforte recital.

Outstanding in a first-class programme was Beethoven's famous Sonata Appassionata. Mr. Ore played this long and difficult, but exquisitely beautiful piece from memory. Not one sheet of music was used for any of the other eleven numbers.

A most pleasing number was "Chinese Moon Song," one of Mr. Ore's own compositions. Local music-lovers were glad to welcome him back to Hongkong.

Only two days before his fatal illness he completed the last chapter of the third novel of the trilogy on which he had been engaged, following "Maid in Waiting" and "Flowing Wilderness." The manuscript, about 100,000 words in still in the rough draft stage, but those knowing how carefully and conscientiously Galsworthy wrote, are certain that little, if any correction, will be necessary.

A member of his English publishing firm, Heinemann's, said Galsworthy's first draft was generally as perfect as the final draft of most authors.—*Reuter's Morning Post Special.*

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JAPANESE ATTACK IN EAST JEHOI REPULSED

SHANGHAI GAMBLING DEN RAIDED

THREE HUNDRED ARRESTS

BIGGEST KNOWN IN CHINA

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Feb. 3. Startling disclosures have been made as the result of a dramatic raid made in the early hours of yesterday morning by Shanghai Woosung Garrison gendarmes.

Marked down after long investigations, a palatial gambling-house in the heart of Greater Shanghai was visited.

Over three hundred persons, some of them socially prominent in Chinese circles, were arrested, which is believed to constitute a record for a raid of this type.

CELEBRITY DISGUISED.

The police state that the gambling den was the best equipped and most luxuriously fitted house ever discovered in the Shanghai area.

It was cleverly disguised. The entrance was through a small store where numbers of signs were exhibited and merchandise was being displayed and could be purchased. But the upper floors of the four adjacent buildings had been converted into a remarkable gambling-den catering to an obviously wealthy clientele.

LARGE STAKES.

The premises were fitted up for a whole series of gambling games from roulette to poker, while it included an opium-smoking divan. It is stated that the presence of eighty to a hundred thousand dollars on the tables at one moment was not at all unusual.

The police took all day yesterday to examine those arrested and transport them to headquarters.

It is alleged that the heavy play at this house has resulted in a number of suicides lately.—*Reuter.*

CHINA MILITARY AIR SCHEME

XIXTH ARMY GROUP AS NUCLEUS

Nanking, Feb. 3. The Chinese Government has launched a campaign for a "National Aeroplane Purchasing Fund."

A Government order states that the Government has decided that for a period of six months, beginning from February, all Government employees will contribute a percentage of their salaries to the fund. The funds collected will be remitted to the National Aeroplane Purchasing Fund Commission, which will be appointed by the Central Political Council.

It is understood that the proposals include the establishment of an aviation factory in Fuzhou, with the XIX Route Air Force as the nucleus of the proposed aviation enterprise.—*Reuter.*

BELFAST-DUBLIN TRAIN DERAILED

STRIKE INCIDENT: MOVEMENT SPREADS OVER THE BORDER

(Special to "Telegraph")

Belfast, Feb. 3. Six hundred bus-drivers and conductors on the Free State side of the border have joined the strike of the Northern Ireland railwaymen.

Over three thousand men in the Irish Free State are now involved in the dispute.

The dockers are also getting restive and are refusing to

SOVIET EMBASSY IN CHINA

ESTABLISHMENT IN NANKING

Nanking, Feb. 3. Chinese sources state that the Soviet Embassy in China will be established in Nanking and it is understood that the Walchilapou has been requested to find suitable houses.—*Reuter.*

NEW M.C.C. CABLE

NEXT TEST STILL IN DOUBT

London, Feb. 2.

While the situation has eased considerably and while it is generally believed that the Australian Board of Control will withdraw the term "unsportsmanlike" in connexion with their criticism of leg-theory bowling, it is not yet certain that the Fourth Test match will be played.

The M.C.C. to-day cabled to Australia:

"We, the Committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club, note with pleasure that you do not consider it necessary to cancel the remainder of the programme and that you are postponing the whole of the issue involved until after the present tour has been completed. "May we accept this as a clear indication that the good sportsmanship of our team is not in question?"

"We are sure you will appreciate how impossible it would be to play any Test Match in the spirit we all desire unless both sides are satisfied that there is no reflection on their sportsmanship."

"When your recommendation reaches us, it shall receive the most careful consideration and will be submitted to the Imperial Cricket Conference."

CANBERRA REPORT.

It is suggested in a message from Canberra that the M.C.C. has asked the Governor-General to invite the Australian Board of Control to withdraw the word "unsportsmanlike." The M.C.C. team feels that the publication of the word leaves a personal stigma and they do not feel inclined to enter upon the Fourth Test with the stigma unremoved.—*Reuter.*

BOOM IN GOLD SHARES

REMINISCENT OF 1925

London, Feb. 2. Although the stock market generally closed with considerable irregularity, prices of South African gold shares registered further substantial gains, but in many instances the best prices were not maintained.

Brokers compare the activity in gold shares of the last few days with the boom of 1925.

A feature of British funds was the firmness of War Loan three and half per cent., which closed at 99½.—*British Wireless.*

KAILU BOMBING CONTINUES

TROOP CONCENTRATION AT CHINCHOW

PREPARING FOR BIG SCALE ATTACK

PEKING, FEB. 3.

CONFIRMATION BY RESPONSIBLE CHINESE SOURCES THAT HEAVY JAPANESE TROOP MOVEMENTS DOWN THE PEKING-MUKDEN RAILWAY TO CHINCHOW CONTINUE, INDICATES THAT THE EFFORTS OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS TO PREVENT HOSTILITIES IN JEHOI HAVE BEEN UNAVAILING.

It is known that when Sir Francis Lindley, the British Ambassador, called upon Count Uchida at the Tokyo Foreign Office a few days ago, he went with express instructions to urge Japan to refrain from military operations in Jehoi pending a final effort at conciliation by the League and that the reply was not satisfactory.

It is not feared that Japan proposes to make any attempt to drive south of Shanhaikwan into the Peking-Tientsin area, but the Chinese authorities, it is understood, expect a Japanese attack upon Jehoi on a large scale within a few days.

CHUIMENKOW FIGHTING CEASES

It is believed that the main attack will be launched from Chinchow and that the Japanese will attempt to penetrate Jehoi province by driving along the branch railway from Chinchow to Chaoyang.

TUNGIAO ATTACK REPULSED

BIG CONCENTRATION IN REGION

Peking, Feb. 3. Official reports of the Japanese concentration at Tungliao, where it is anticipated that an offensive will be launched simultaneously with the attack from the Chinchow area, state that skirmishes have already commenced.

About two thousand five hundred men, five hundred Japanese and two thousand Mongols, attacked a Volunteer base to the west of Tungliao, but were repulsed after heavy fighting.—*Reuter.*

CHUIMENKOW STRATEGY.

The strategy of the Japanese occupation of Chuimenkow Pass is revealed by the furious assaults now being launched upon the Japanese position there by Chinese Volunteers. Chuimenkow offers the easiest access between Hophel and Jehoi and, if the passage can be forced by the Chinese, the way will be open for further reinforcements to be sent through.

The Chinese are, however, confident that the present forces will present the Japanese with a stiff proposition, despite their superior equipment.

The aerial bombardment of the city continues, however, planes coming up with their missiles with unfailing regularity. Some of the bombs have failed to explode owing to their falling in deep snow. These have been found to weigh some two hundred pounds.—*Reuter.*

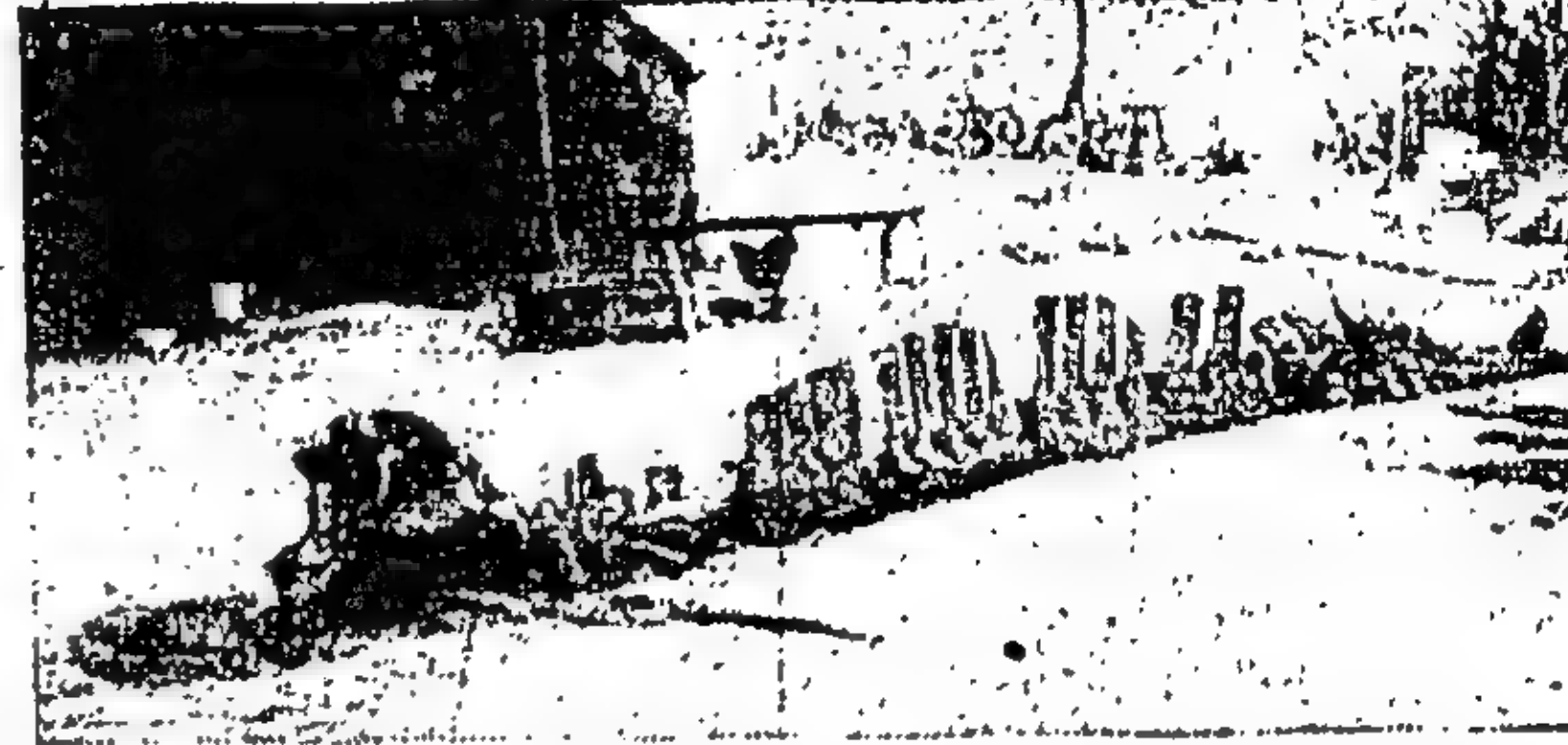
CHINESE PREPARATIONS.

At present, the forces of General Tang Yu-lin, Governor of Jehoi, are stationed round the borders of the province, mixed up with numbers of anti-Manchukuo Volunteers.

Jehoi City and the centre of the province are defended by further batches of Tang Yu-lin's troops, reinforced by considerable numbers of Marshal Chang Hsueh-ling's brigades.—*Reuter.*

"AT ALL COSTS."

Tientsin, Feb. 3. Japanese reinforcements have been rushed to Chiumenkow, in



Our picture shows the skeleton of the 25-foot whale which drifted ashore near Macao and which was killed by villagers who reaped a considerable harvest from the sale of its oil and flesh.

BIG WHALE TRAPPED

LEFT HIGH AND DRY BY TIDE

EXCITEMENT IN MACAO AREA

(Our Own Correspondent).

Macao, Feb. 2. Much excitement was created in the little fishing hamlet of Tsam Mang Chin, not far from the Macao Barrier Gate, when a whale, 25 feet long, drifted ashore and was left high and dry on the beach when the tide went out.

The villagers were all activity when the monster was sighted, and measures were promptly taken to prevent its escape. The whale was soon dragged higher up the beach, where it was killed, and operations to convert the oil and remaining into cash were immediately carried out.

BARE BONES LEFT.

All day long, villagers from the surrounding country, trooped in to the hamlet to buy the whale-oil and the flesh, until by evening nothing was left of the monster excepting the bones.

A fee was later charged for viewing the skeleton. Some idea of the size of the whale may be gathered from the fact that a thousand catfish of oil and twice the amount of flesh were sold by the captors.

F. A. CUP REPLAY

HALIFAX ELIMINATE CHESTER

London, Feb. 2. Halifax, the real surprise team of the F.A. Cup competition, progressed a stage further to-day when they defeated Chester, the Northern leaders, by three goals to two. The sides were still level at the end of ninety minutes, but Halifax secured the winning goal in extra time.

In the fifth round, they met Luton at Halifax. In the Third Division (South) Norwich City gained a handsome 5-3 victory at Coventry and the leaders are now positioned as follows:

Exeter	26	16	4	5	02	28	38
Brentford	24	16	4	4	09	29	36
Norwich	29	18	9	4	53	32	35
Reading	24	13	7	4	67	38	33

—*Reuter.*

FRENCH LINER INSURANCE

LONDON DIFFICULTY OVERCOME

London, Feb. 3. The insurances of twenty-four large vessels owned by the Messageries Maritimes returned to the London market yesterday.

In view of the serious claims in be advantageous to launch the offensive before or after the League of Nations takes action on the Manchurian situation. The military appear inclined to make the first move.—*Special.*

DAVIS CUP DRAW

BRITAIN IN LUCKY SECTION

JAPAN'S STIFF PROBLEM

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Paris, Feb. 3. The draw was made to-day for the European Zone of the Davis Cup Competition and one of its noteworthy features is that Britain has fallen into the luckiest section of the draw.

As far as can be seen, the British players will be presented with very little opposition until they meet Italy in the quarter-finals.

South Africa, Australia and Japan, on the other hand, have been decidedly unlucky. Three of the strongest teams in the competition, they have all been grouped together in the bottom quarter of the draw.

DOMINIONS' CLASH.

Australia and South Africa clash in their second matches and the winner will be called upon to face Japan who this year are expected to have the strongest team ever entered. The recent form of the Australians, though somewhat erratic, gives them hopes of getting through this stiff passage.

The first round draw is as follows:

TOP HALF.

Greece, bye.
Rumania, bye.
Monaco, bye.
Czechoslovakia, bye.
Finland v. India.
Spain v. Great Britain.
Belgium v. Austria.
Italy v. Yugoslavia.

BOTTOM HALF.

Egypt v. Germany.
Poland v. Holland.
Denmark v. Ireland.
Hungary v. Japan.
Norway, bye.
Australia, bye.
South Africa, bye.
Switzerland, bye.

It will be seen that Britain and Italy are the only strong sides in the top half. Britain should have a fairly comfortable passage into the European Zone Final.—*Reuter.*

COLLAPSE IN RAW COTTON PRICE

BUYERS HOLDING ALOOF

Manchester, Feb. 3. Since the beginning of the year, there has been an almost continuous decline in American cotton prices, reaching yesterday's quotation of 4.95d. for middling cotton, which is the lowest since August 1932.

The movement is adversely affecting the yarn cloth trade and buyers are holding aloof as there is little confidence that current values will be maintained. Unless the demand improves speedily, producers expect to be compelled to restrict production.—*Reuter.*

PRINCE BACK IN LONDON

CORNISH VISIT CONCLUDED

London, Feb. 2. The Prince of Wales, at the conclusion this afternoon of his tour of the Duchy of Cornwall, returned to London in his private aeroplane.

This morning, whilst in Cornwall, he inspected his herds of pedigree cattle on his farm at Stoke Climsland. He also visited St. Austell, where he was enthusiastically received by crowds of his tenants.—*British Wireless.*

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By Joan Savoy

Put your New Year's resolutions for chic in black and white this year.

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Start the New Year with at least one semi-formal dress, the dinner-dress type. If you are going to any party throughout the spring, such an outfit will see you through.

This gown is a smart new version of the black-white vogue. Rough black crepe fashions the perfect fitting princess skirt, with high waistline. Black fashions the bodice with its conservative neckline, charmingly cut with two back panels which twist around each other in the back and cross each other again in front to fasten in double-breasted manner on opposite sides of the high waistline.

Long Tight Sleeves.

The sleeves give the gown added distinction. They are long and tight, the long cuff being of black crepe and the top puffs made of black chiffon with white crepe applied on them in an intricate formalized design that you can look at many times and always be intrigued.

Using chiffon for these puffs is a happy solution to the big sleeve problem. They fall so softly that they avoid the exaggerated wideness that so many puffed sleeves have this season.

The gown just misses floor length, which makes it all the more desirable for the majority of parties this winter which call for a party dress but object to very formal attire.

BATHROOM ARTISTRY.

While the guest of a rich Swiss merchant recently had the opportunity of studying a bathroom which was the absolute essence of luxury, artistry, and utility.

The room was about 15 feet square, and was tiled throughout in a delicate Mediterranean blue. The bath itself was square, measuring something like 12 feet. On each side it had a narrow, tiled strip of floor. At one corner of the bath, which was, of course, enlaid, were miniature steps.

Perhaps the most striking thing about this luxury bathroom was the complete absence of taps. It might have been some ancient Roman bath, but for a row of buttons at one corner. These were for waste, hot water, cold water, concentrated bath-salts solution, and also salt water.

A gratifying feature was the method of running water into the bath. Instead of having a violent stream from a tap, the water was sent in through a number of cleverly concealed holes round the sides of the bottom of the bath. This ensured that the whole of the bath water was of an even temperature. There was no question of having your toes scalded while the upper half of your body was shivering with cold as often happens in ordinary bathrooms.

That bathroom was certainly a man-made paradise. When the water was run into the bath, the light automatically became subdued and an eerie, flickering light shone through the water from the bottom of the bath. Then I discovered that the bath floor consisted of some transparent coral-like material. Underneath were rows of tiny coloured electric light

WOMEN & MACHINES.

It is at first sight a surprising thing that woman should have been proved by experiment to be better suited to do work involving the care of machines than are men, for it is difficult to think of women as being less mercenary in temperament than men.

The routine job, one imagines, is the very worst one for imaginative, quick-changing Eve.

But there is a woman's capacity for dreaming to be taken into account.

The younger women are, the more they want to think of other things than work—pretty clothes, recreation, last night's show, and to-morrow night's party, new friends, and a hundred other things, which crowd upon their minds and seem much more important than merely earning a living!

Is it not possible that the girl who minds a machine is happier in doing it than is a man, mainly because of the variety of her other interests and not because she is less intelligent or enterprising than any male colleague who may be restless and unhappy in his work?

bulbs. Shining through the streaks of pink and turquoise they cast fitting, flickering shadows on the ceiling.

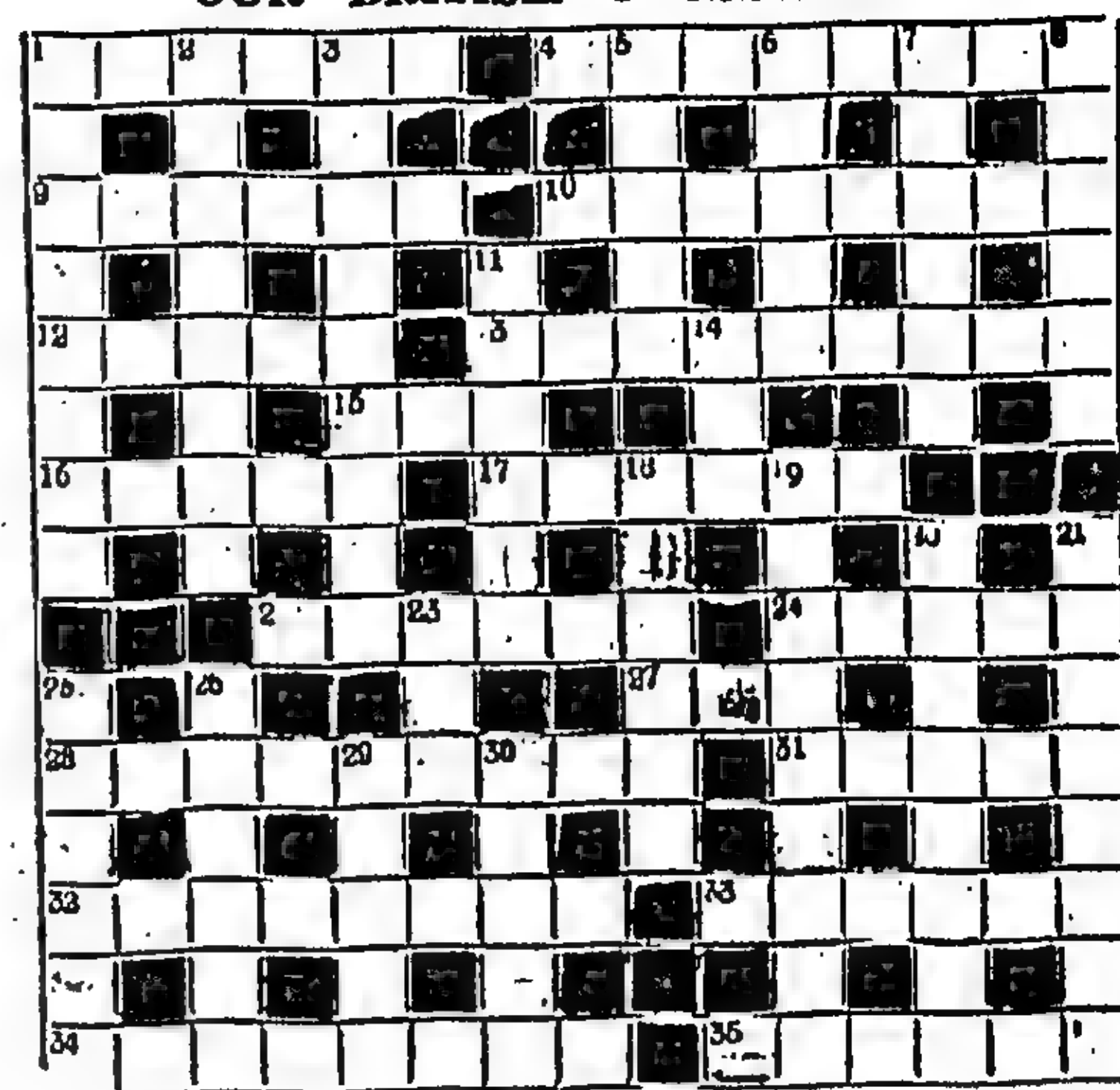
I expected that the bathroom must have cost a fortune to equip, but when I inquired of my friend he enlightened me that he had planned it entirely himself, and that the total outlay had been only £20. If my friend's designs became commercialised, super-luxury bathrooms may soon be in the reach of all house-dwellers.

—In Exchange.



Pretty Natalie Hall, New York actress, is shown in a two-piece dark green knitted wool skiing outfit which has a zipper slip-on jacket with vari-coloured turtleneck collar and cuffs.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across.

- 1 Seedy.
- 4 Celebrated in verse as the companions of kings.
- 9 This is very ordinary, but its moral is not at once obvious.
- 10 A jolly sort of landlord to have, and, doubtless, from a Scot's point of view, handsome.
- 12 Makes a stop in Peru.
- 13 There's no doubt, the country faces a serious end, though Germany has no further use for him.
- 15 It's not true that it's an alkaline solution.
- 16 Go in backwards.
- 17 I'll ask her to give us a hint as to what part of America is wanted.
- 22 Complaint.
- 24 It's not difficult to get the figure out of there.
- 27 Suitable pet for a violent burglar.
- 28 "Sht his back" is up, and no wonder, poor tourist (anag.).
- 31 Harrier.
- 32 The soldier's remarks weren't so there!
- 33 A shy man may get scares from one—though doubtless very loving.
- 34 Shrub.
- 35 Well, this is learned!

Down.

- 1 Just the job for a lazy man—I could do with one myself.
- 2 Its flight is, literally, meteoric.
- 3 Doesn't describe a wise man, for its ends are achieved by brass.
- 5 Yes, we are sure that it is bad,

- 6 or nearly so, Beryl (hidden).
- 7 Existing.
- 8 Tropical American fruit trees.
- 9 European country.
- 11 I turn white, but not with fright.
- 14 Turn up a turf.
- 18 Red Indian, but quite the Partisan.
- 19 The little bird that made Kate break her slumbers—as least, so we hear.
- 20 Faint in America, but not arithmetic.
- 21 Set back.
- 23 Heat up—as the uneducated say.
- 25 You may disagree with the end: it's all a matter of accent.
- 26 Church split.
- 29 Hidden in Class 5.
- 30 Just in case you find these old-timers.

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CHAPTER XL

Tom, intent on his story, spoke slowly. He was seeing all that had happened, exactly as he described it. "Pratt stands there paralyzed for a moment. Then he hears you, Linda, coming as fast as you can run. He dashes for the door, realises he can't make it. He crouches beside the wardrobe, hoping you won't come in but out of sight if you do. You rush in and go straight for the casement door. You couldn't tell it was murder but his own knowledge of guilt confuses his mind. He grabs up a towel from the chair—and you know the rest."

She was silent and Tom continued: "Remember he's seen me swimming in. He flings the towel out on the balcony, figuring no one will see it there and that he can get it later. He bends over you, waiting for me to come or for others who may be round and cut off his retreat. But not try to get away. Tell that story of hearing you fall and stick to it."

"And now," said Linda speculatively, "he's peacefully at church."

"Now—and then—and all the time if he's a homicidal maniac," said Tom soberly, "all rules of conduct are null and void. He's sane except when something drives him cuckoo. He attacks—and kills—and is sane again. That is, always assuming he's the one."

Linda shivered. "Does that let Mr. Statlander off? He couldn't hear the noise so well at this end of the hall."

"But he could hear it. You heard it plainly. If he slept with his door open he could easily have been kept awake by it."

"The step I heard was at the other end of the hall."

"I noticed when he came in after you fainted how silently he walked. He had soft slippers on. If one board creaked it would account for the single step you heard."

"It seems to me," argued Linda carefully, "that a great deal hangs on whether Cousin Amos' door was closed or open and whether Mr. Statlander's was too. If both were open he could have been annoyed by the sound, and if both were closed he couldn't. If one were open and the other closed he might have and might not. Where are the maps?" she added suddenly.

"On the terrace—around the place."

She had paused by the window toward the garage. Here comes Mr. Shaughnessy over to the house. She waved violently. "Blinks, wait! Oh, heck! You've called him now!"

"Why? What's the matter?"

"The room—we wanted to go in."

Her eyes rounded with horror. "I am dumb! Forget all about it! Now we can't go together. I'd forgotten it was locked—and wanted to make a test with the two doors. You have the key? All right. I'll go into Mr. Statlander's room and you go in there. Perhaps I can join you later."

"Hurry up, he's coming. I don't know yet what you want of him or what we do."

"I was going to ask him to get Mr. Statlander and Mr. DeVos down to the water so they can't possibly hear us or come back unexpectedly. Then, with one of us in each room, we can squeak that casement first with both room doors open, then with both shut, and then alternately—one open and one shut. It won't take a minute and it might prove a lot. Come on—I hear him on the steps."

They met their fellow conspirator on the upper landing.

"What can I do for you?" he asked expectantly.

Tom explained and the Irishman nodded.

"Easy enough. The western gentleman is down toward the water already and our Belgian friend will be conked to stroll after him."

"Are you sure you can do it?" whispered Linda anxiously.

"I'll be so winsome they can't resist me," muttered Shaughnessy grimly. "Do you watch from your window. You'll have time for the trial!"

As they saw the two tall figures move slowly down the lawn they hurried for the hall and the different rooms. Linda was ready at once but Tom lingered in the guest room. When he joined her she began impatiently:

"I could hear exasperatingly well with both doors open and fairly well with one closed. I'd say that if both were open Mr. Statlander is certainly very much in it but that if just one were closed he is pretty likely to be. So we must find out surely how

his door was last night."

Tom sat down and passed a handkerchief over his hot forehead.

"Now," he said, "forget Statlander for the moment and the squeak and the towel and the shirt and the rest. We must go down, and you must find an excuse to talk to Statlander. But—I found something in that room, Blinks."

"Oh! What?"

"A book—a commonplace, heavy looking book. By 'M. Pratt'."

"What—but what's that? I didn't know Marvin wrote. Where is it?"

Tom's mouth set firmly. "Put away, my darling child. Naughty, naughty. I had time only for a hasty glance—but oh, my! It's what would be classed in collector's catalogues and libraries as 'erotic'."

"Marvin!" The exclamation was utterly incredulous.

"Exactly. Well, it seemed to have, ostensibly, a high moral purpose. Supposed to be about decadent religions in darkest Asia—and folk-lore translations—but somehow, from the title I saw, it was a case of protesting too much. No, I'm afraid our Marvin slipped then—it was 10 years ago, incidentally, Blinks, when he was younger and more callow—but he didn't quite put over his purely scientific motive."

"But—there—in Cousin Amos' room—?"

"Remember the old man threw his handkerchief over something and you supposed that he had some snappy reading beside Marcus Aurelius? You were darned right—but you little knew how snappy!"

"But did he bring it—how did he get hold of it—?"

"Don't ask me. I'd say offhand he didn't bring it. It's an awful big book and he had only that little bag. I think he came on it somewhere here—one of those old bookcases of Aunt Candace's. It looks dusty and neglected. I've always told you you should go over those books. Weed them out for valuable first editions and give the rest to the junkman."

"I'm always meaning to. They look so depressing!" Linda was at best no book-lover and depended on the circulating library or casual purchase of current successes for her reading matter.

"But still I don't see—"

"Wake up, Blinks! Marvin tried to get in there, didn't he?"

"Oh—yes—"

"And you felt there was something more than rage against Cousin Amos—Sort of apprehension, you said—"

"That's so. Oh, Tom, I see it, I see it!"

"Of course! Why he was afraid you'd talked together, why he wanted to prevent—"

"What Cousin Amos was raging him about—but how did he find it?"

"If it was in the house, that man would find it. Particularly if he could use it to embarrass us or a guest. Yes, I think we've hit it. Somehow the old man got hold of it—"

"And threw it up to Marvin—"

"And Marvin was aghast at this early effusion coming to light—probably thought it lived down

by this time—and feeling as he does about you—"

"Tom!"

"Well, you can't deny he likes you, Blinks, and as a result of your early acquaintance he thinks of you as a sort of kid compared to him—"

"Um, yes—I suppose so. Oh, Tom, how did Aunt Candace ever get it into her rows and rows of respectable old standbys?"

"That, my darling, is a mystery we do not have to solve, thank fortune! Our problem is who got it out—and whence, and how."

"Tom—it's high tide!"

"I know. We simply must go. They all want a swim. We'll think about this—I don't know just how it fits in but it's no end mysterious. Come on and round 'em up. Don't forget you're to vamp Statlander. Haven't anything to

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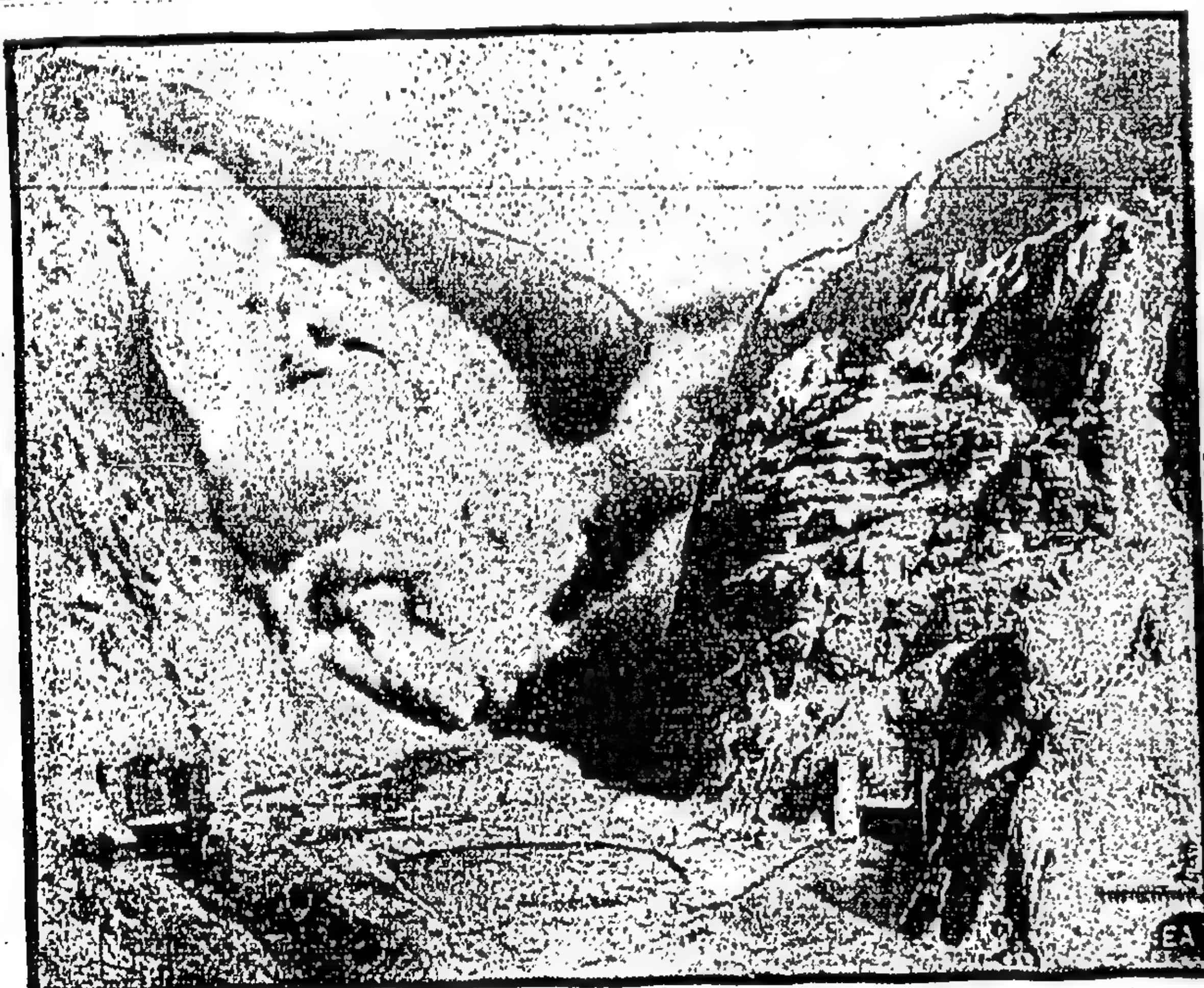
"Bill," a City Corporation horse, can see a joke and enjoy it. He is such good friends with the dustmen who work the cart that he draws, that he will, at a word from them, throw back his head and give a hearty laugh. "Bill" learned to do this naturally, through imitating the dustmen who he has accompanied for years in their rounds in the City of London. (Photo Planet News, Ltd.)



Much technical detail has been worked out towards international disarmament, Norman H. Davis, United States expert at the Geneva conference, said as he arrived in New York aboard the Manhattan. He is shown above with Rear Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn (right), another member of the American arms delegation, as they landed.



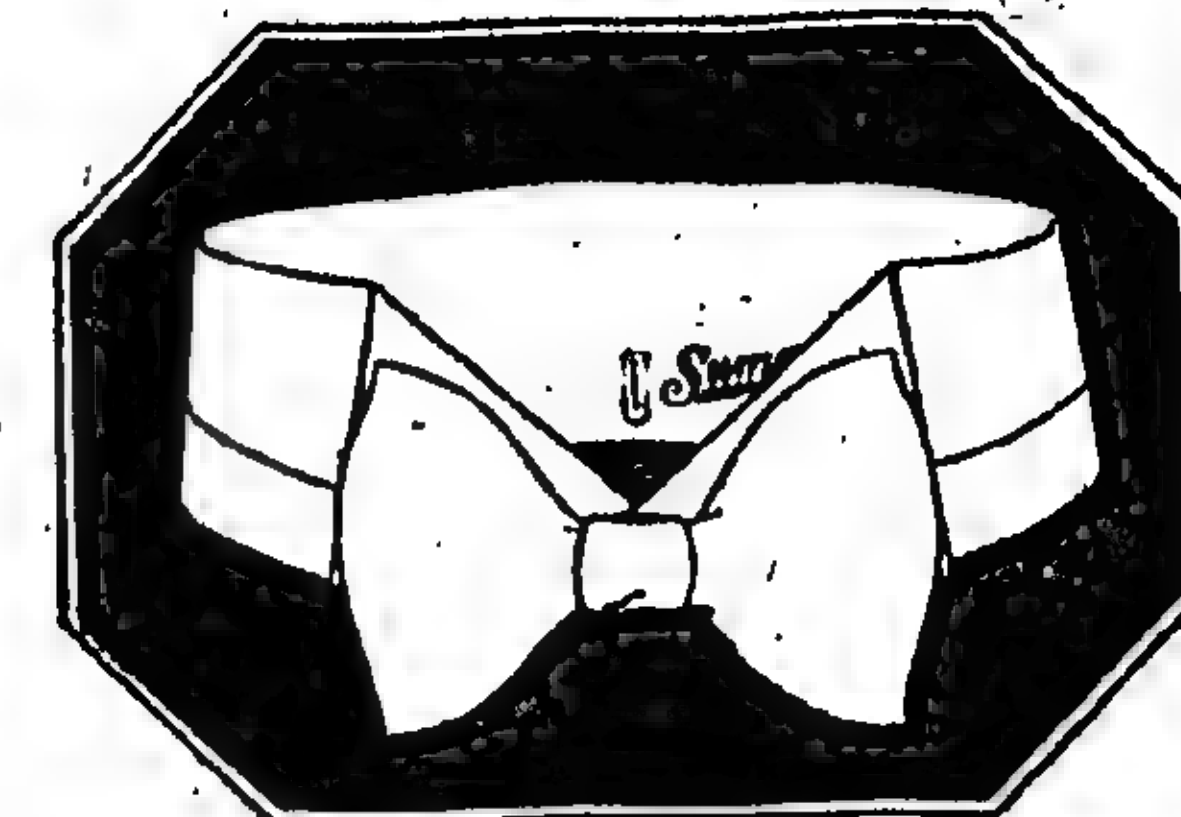
A friendly crowd of upwards of 1,000 persons gathered at the railroad station in Washington to bid welcome to President Hoover when he returned to the capital for the first time since his defeat in the Presidential election. He is shown shaking hands with some of his supporters who were on hand when his train pulled in from Palo Alto, Cal.



With a deafening roar, this titanic blast of dynamite ripped the sides of Boulder Canyon, in Colorado, clearing the way for the giant Hoover Dam which is to block the canyon and harness the horsepower of the Colorado river. Note the openings of three of the four diversion tunnels which have been drilled through soft rock from a point above the dam to a point below, to carry the waters of the river while the dam is being built in the dried river bed.



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CINEMA "SHOTS" AND "SEQUENCES"

ARE THE MARX BROTHERS REALLY FUNNY?

ANY attempt to criticize Marxian humour—not Karl of that ilk, but the queer quartet now showing *Horsefeathers* at the King's—has and always will be influenced by personal opinion; there is probably no other screen act, barring Garbo, provocative of greater diversity of opinion. The merry, madcap four burst on the dazed public in *Cocanuts* three years ago, and their admirers and enemies, after *Animal Crackers* and *Monkey Business* still remain numerically the same. There is no changing: If you liked them in *Cocanuts*, you'll like them till they run out of ideas, if ever. And the crowds who swore that *Cocanuts* was the most insane and intolerable issue of Hollywood imbecility, will continue to sit like Sphinxes while the whole theatre roars.

Irrelevance, improbability and illusion are suggested by the title of their present show, and the whole three run riot. The quartet has never been madder, the story never merrier and the action never more madcap.

Yet a glimpse of *Horsefeathers* provokes the question: "Are the brothers really funny, and if so, is the most being made of their talent? Legitimately speaking, the answers are (1) yes and (2) no. As musicians, Harpo and Chico are unique and entertaining and beneath the incoherent ramblings, of the garrulous Groucho, there is a strata of commonsense and even relevance. But Harpo is no lyrical in his animal madness and Groucho destroys order with such calm that something fantastic could have been made from their efforts.

With the Marxian talents there seems a grand opportunity to create a work akin to *Alice in Wonderland*, but instead we have music hall sketches loosely flung together and linked by poor patter. The impression left by the picture is that the producers thought that with any material the Marxes are funny enough. The are, but could be funnier, and if given a genuinely comic idea instead of verbal wit they could bring a real humorous novelty to a screen sorely in need of freshness.

MAKE-UP BOX BUSY.

MAKE-UP men worked overtime for *Strange Interlude*, the M.G.M. version of Eugene O'Neill's stage masterpiece, the Sunday attraction at the Queen's. They were called on for nine transformations of age for the four central characters, Norma Shearer, Clark Gable, Alexander Kirkland and Ralph Morgan, who are depicted growing from youth to age in a series of gradual changes as the action covers more than 30 years.

Strange Interlude's most interesting cinema point is the attempt conveying thoughts: neither the screen nor stage have yet captured this effectively, and probably never will. Director Robert Z. Leonard, in this film, has used the same device employed in a short featuring Walter Huston as Jean Valjean, *The Bishop's Candlesticks*, four years ago. The lips do not move, while the artist's thoughts are broadcast in his own voice simultaneously. The method is probably the nearest the talking screen will approach to the almost impossible.

HISTRIONIC HIGHLIGHTS.

BRILLIANT acting has saved many a melo-drama from failure, and it is only because of the work of Lil Dagover, Walter Huston and Warren William that *The Woman from Monte Carlo*, now at the Queen's, keeps its audience in tension. Entertaining if you like the improbable, but more so for its really superb work.

By "Celluloid"



Lil Dagover, famous continental stage and screen star, appears in her first American production, "A Woman from Monte Carlo."

This is Lil Dagover's first release here, although an earlier film *Congress Dances* has been previewed. This was one of the UFA 1931 productions with the foreign star playing only a minor role. As the Monte Carlo woman, in the M.G.M. film she is in company for Huston and William who even exceeds his work in *Skyscraper Souls*.

GRACIE MAKES HER BOW.

OUR first opportunity of seeing Gracie Fields on the screen will be *Looking on the Bright Side*, at the King's on Sunday. Gracie is in need of no introduction and judging on the sale of her gramophone records here, she has many admirers. This is a British film, produced at the Radio studio, and it should be interesting to note if Gracie will go the way of many a radio and gramophone artist, pitchforked into talkies. There

CINEMA PROGRAMME

TO-DAY.

King's: "Horsefeathers."
Queen's: "Woman from Monte Carlo."
Central: "Young Bride."
Star: "Polly of the Circus."
Majestic: "While Paris Sleeps."
Oriental: "My Pal the King."
World: "Three Modern Girls."

TO-MORROW.

Central: "Thank."

SUNDAY.

Queen's: "Strange Interlude."
King's: "Looking on the Bright Side."

There has been a constant stream of them during the past four years and Chevalier and Cliff Edwards are about the only two who have remained. *Looking on the Bright Side* lives up to its title. Although it relies mainly on Gracie's overpowering personality, there is a welter of catchy tunes and an abundance of humour.

ANOTHER ALDWYCH RIOT.

NO recommendations are needed for *Thank*, due to-morrow at the Central, for Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn, together with the merry Aldwych cast, are like the Fox Movie-tone News, and speak for themselves. Although it is a little slow in getting into its stride, *Thank* grows in heartiness to positively prodigious proportions, and has the usual plethora of absurd situations—this time in a haunted house—with Ralph Lynn, as insane as ever, providing most of the laughs. Tom Walls, also as director, has never done better work, in handling the megaphone, and the cutting and editing is the best of the many Aldwych films.

MR. E. R. HALLIFAX RETIRING.

LONG CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

The departure in April of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., on long service leave, preparatory to his retirement, will leave a real gap in official and social circles in the Colony.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax has spent practically the whole of his working life in the Far East, coming to Hongkong in 1897 at the age of 23 as a Cadet. Within fifteen months of his arrival Mr. Hallifax was appointed Acting Police Magistrate in the New Territories, and, passing his Final Examinations in September, 1900, was soon afterwards appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police and Police Magistrate in the New Territories.

He became Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police in 1902, and in 1905 was seconded as Transvaal Emigration Agent at Chinwangto. He resumed his substantive appointment in 1906, and in 1907 was appointed Acting Assistant Land Officer in the New Territories, in addition to his substantive duties.

He became Registrar General in 1911, the title being changed to that of Secretary for Chinese Affairs in the following year. He was given the O.B.E. in 1918 and the C.B.E. in 1923. He was a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils in November, 1912.

Towards the end of 1924 he left the Colony to act as Commissioner of the Hongkong section of the British Empire Exhibition, and in recognition of his valuable services in England, was awarded the C.M.G. in the 1925 New Year Honours.

Returning to the Colony in 1925, Mr. Hallifax became Acting Colonial Secretary. Since then, he has on several occasions discharged the duties of Colonial Secretary, the last occasion being during the period of Sir William Peel's absence from the Colony last year.

Keen Sportsman.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Hallifax was at one time Hon. Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. The present old course was planned from a survey by Colonel Close, in 1911, Mr. Hallifax, who originally suggested the site, materially assisting in making its use possible.

Throughout the whole of his service with the Hongkong Government, Mr. Hallifax has proved himself a most conscientious and painstaking official. Occupied during the last two decades with the advice and control of the Chinese population, to which he is "father," his work has been purely administrative and necessarily quiet. To newspaper representatives, Mr. Hallifax has always been difficult to "pump" but it has always been realised in journalistic circles that his work was necessarily delicate, calling for certain qualities of statesmanship that do not admit undue newspaper publicity.

The Hon. Mr. Hallifax will leave Hongkong at the end of April on long-service leave, and will automatically retire when it expires in November. At last Monday night's inter-port golf dinner a presentation was made to him, cordial tribute being paid to his services to the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

ANOTHER M.C.C. DRAW.

Larwood's Eight Wickets Against Queenslanders.

Brisbane, Feb. 2. The M.C.C. match against the Queensland country team at Toowoomba has been drawn. The country team scored 210, of which Brittle made 65 and Raymond 53. Larwood made 65 and Raymond 53. Larwood took eight or 23.

The M.C.C. lost three for 187 in the second innings, Jardine making 77 not out.—*Reuter*.

CONSTABLES CHARGED

ALLEGED EXTORTION FROM SHOOTING GALLERY OWNER

Sin Cheuk, the complainant in the case in which four Indian constables are charged with obtaining "squeeze," was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination yesterday afternoon when the case was resumed at the Kowloon Magistrate before Mr. Butters.

Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P., was in charge of the case for the Crown, while Mr. Hin-shing Lo defended all defendants.

Defendants are Sodagar Singh (B590), Naranjan Singh, (B564), Gurdit Singh (B563) and Gurdit Singh (B116).

Sin Cheuk stated that he was the part-owner of the shooting gallery at No. 239 Lanchuk Road, ground floor, which he opened on January 20 in preparation for the Chinese New Year celebrations. At about 11 a.m. on the same day, two Indian constables went into the shop and asked why there was such a big crowd. They accused him of conducting a gambling school and, he alleged, asked him for \$5 as "tea money."

Witness could not say who these constables were, but he could definitely say they were B563 and B116 because he had seen their numbers. He refused to pay them. B563 was talking to him, while B116 was standing at the doorway. They got together and chased all his customers away.

Money Paid.

Witness and his partners then discussed the matter, and finally decided to give in. B563 and B116 were still at the shop and witness handed \$5 to the former, who also told him that they would come round daily to collect the money.

The next day, witness made a report to the Police at Yaumati, and in consequence of his report, Inspector Bookers, Detective Sergeant Meadows, and two Chinese detectives went back to his shop with him. They gave him a \$5 bill and instructed him to give this note to the Indians if they came for the money.

Shortly after he had returned to his shop, two Indians dressed in plain clothes came in and asked for money. He accordingly handed the note to them.

Witness could not recognise these two men again, although he was sure they were not the first two defendants.

In the course of a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Lo, witness denied that any of the defendants had been to his shop to gamble. Mr. Lo.—I put it to you that the first defendant went into your shop, gambled with you, won 80 cents, and asked you to pay him in cash instead of cigarettes?—No.

Witness went on to say that even if anybody else had won 80 cents worth of cigarettes, he would not have agreed to pay money as this would not be lawful.

In answer to further questions, witness denied that the shooting gallery was opened before January 20.

The case was adjourned.

OBITUARY.

LONDON DIRECTOR OF BRADLEY & CO.

News was received by cable in Hongkong yesterday from London, of the death of Mr. G. A. Richardson, one of the Directors of Bradley and Co., who was a former resident of China of many years standing. He was a son of the founder of the firm, the late Mr. T. W. Richardson, who came out to Hongkong from Edinburgh in 1855, and entered into partnership with the late Mr. C. W. Bradley at Swatow in 1860.

The late Mr. G. A. Richardson came out to Swatow about thirty years ago, to join the firm, and after a short period there was transferred to Shanghai, later

OBITUARY

FAMOUS ENGLISH RACE-HORSE BREEDER

London, Feb. 1. The death occurred to-day of Lord Waverley, famous breeder of English thoroughbreds.—*Reuter*.

William Hall Walker, sportsman, bellower in astrology and first Baron Waverley, was born in 1856, and educated at Harrow. His father was Sir A. B. Walker, Bart., who owned considerable property in Liverpool and Derby.

In his early manhood Waverley took an active part in the Volunteer movement and became Hon. Colonel of the 66th West Lancashire Territorial Engineers and of the Royal Artillery Special Reserve. In 1900 he was elected Conservative M.P. for the Widnes Division, retaining the seat until 1919 when he was raised to the peerage.

But it was in sports and pastimes that his interest really lay. In addition to being a fine and daring rider he bred racehorses at Tully Stud, Kildare, and trained them at Russley Parks, Wiltshire.

Bred Minoru.

It was he who bred and trained Minoru, the horse which won the Derby for King Edward VII in 1905. Minoru also won the Two Thousand Guineas. Waverley's other horses brought him a large number of successes over a period of many years. He rode them occasionally himself, and in 1910 won the House of Commons Lightweight Point-to-Point Steeplechase.

In 1910 however, when the war brought about a shortage of horses, he presented the whole of his racing stable to the nation to start a national stud.

In 1926 Waverley came into conflict with Epstein, the sculptor. The latter had sent two pieces of sculpture to an exhibition in Liverpool. In opening it with a breezy speech Waverley said of these that "a very poor artist would have done better; if he had submitted his worst." Epstein announced his intention of withdrawing the sculptures and said his protest was not against criticism, but against Lord Waverley's bad manners in abusing, while opening an exhibition, the work of an artist who had been invited to send in. The peer then apologised.

Waverley ruled his life in accordance with the position of the planets. He did not claim to be an astrologer in the sense of being able to read the future from planets, but had a strong belief in the powers of others to do so. For many years he received a weekly horoscope and claimed that the forecasts were of value. He believed particularly in astrology as a means of fixing a suitable time for a surgical operation.

Waverley leaves no heir.—*J. R. S.*



An engagement ring on the finger is no sign that wedding bells are on hand.

taking charge of Bradley and Co.'s interests in the northern port. He became a partner, and was one of the first directors of the concern when it was formed into a limited liability company in 1913. He left the Far East in 1920 to enter the London office, and had directed the firm's interests from the City since then.

As a mark of respect, the flag over the Hongkong Club was flown at half mast yesterday.

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DEATH.

BAIN.—Bertha Bain, wife of Mr. A. Bain, died at Matilda Hospital at 10.30 p.m. on 2nd February, 1933. Coroner will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day, Jewish Cemetery.

The
Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1933.

THE FIRE-CRACKER DANGER

However belated the action of the authorities may have been in deciding to grapple with the fire-cracker storage question, there can be no two opinions regarding the desirability of that action. In more than one fire within recent years it has been shown that the presence of fire-crackers on the premises was a contributory factor, and it is doubtless in view of this fact that more stringent regulations have been promulgated. Premises of the shop-tenement type have been the usual storage-places for these dangerous goods, and in many instances tons of fire-crackers have been stacked in the lower floors of such buildings, constituting a menace to those who happen to live above. In one of the cases which has just come before the Court, it was shown that the crackers were stored close to a kitchen; a circumstance which illustrates the extreme danger when the premises happen also to be used as dwelling quarters. The chief point raised on behalf of the firms interested in this business, during the hearing of this week's cases, was that the regulations were such that they could not possibly be complied with, by reason of lack of storage space. This, is course, is on the presumption that the exporters remain in their existing premises. But it is precisely this danger which needs removing. Congested residential areas are not the places in which to store fire-crackers; indeed, the authorities should long ago have taken steps to prevent the danger from assuming its present dimensions. Instead of that, the exporting firms have been permitted to rub along with makeshift accommodation until the evil has become really serious. If the regulations cannot be complied with on existing premises, the obvious remedy is that other quarters must be found where it will be possible to insist on such precautions

as are deemed necessary. However inconvenient, or even expensive, this may be to the firms concerned, the point emphasised by Mr. Wynne-Jones is the dominating consideration—namely, that the safeguarding of the public from danger must take precedence over every other factor. If the enforcement of the new regulations results in the present haphazard system of storage being brought to an end, then a decided step forward will have been taken in protecting the public from a very real danger. In these matters, it is far better to err on the side of safety than to allow a latitude which might easily have the most regrettable consequences.

A Talkie Problem

According to a Hollywood message, language barriers, which now restrict the distribution of talking pictures and constitute one of the most serious marketing problems for the motion picture producer, may prove a boon to the industry after all. In fact, it is the opinion of Dr. Martin Freudenthal, counsellor of Legation in the German Foreign Office, that this bit of adversity is the most hopeful aspect of the whole film situation. Having failed to surmount the language barrier by any other means, he says, motion picture producers must develop entertainment having a universal appeal. "Films of the better sort have enjoyed a salient success, regardless of language and irrespective of the form in which they have been shown," he said during an interview recently. "It seems that the talkie situation works as a stimulus for the creation of really outstanding pictures. Some American films of high artistic quality have been successful in Europe, and some European films have been immensely popular in America. They do not have to depend upon words." After spending six months in the States studying all phases of production and distribution in American studios, Dr. Freudenthal completed what is regarded as one of the most remarkable surveys of its sort ever made by a foreign nation. It deals particularly with an evaluation of methods employed by the amusement industry in making adjustments to meet changed business conditions.

Still Going Strong!

Much interest was recently centred in the annual "old car" race held in England. The race was run from London to Brighton and commemorates the coming into force, in 1896, of the Locomotives on Highways Act. Prior to the enactment of this law, every road car was compelled to keep its speed down to a walking pace and to be preceded by a man with a red flag. This was done to protect the public against steam traction engines and road-making machines. The London-Brighton run, a unique event in all motor-dom, is confined to cars manufactured not later than 1904. Naturally, they must negotiate the entire course under their own power. In the "Old Crocks" event of 1931 a woman driver took part in an ancient vehicle for which she had paid 15 shillings! It is amazing how many entrants there are for this race each year, and how many of the veterans manage to go the route without mishap. Any number of humorous incidents usually occur, and the crowds lining the roadways join with the drivers in entering into the fun of the occasion. That such a race can be held, however, and that twenty-eight-year-old veterans of hundreds of thousands of miles of travel can still move along at a good pace, is certainly a tribute to this form of locomotion which in a generation has swept the world.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

IT IS OPEN TO SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER, AMONG NATIONAL MANUFACTURERS, THAT OF SOULS OF A GOOD QUALITY MAY NOT AT LAST TURN OUT A QUITE LEADINGLY LUCRATIVE ONE.—*Ruskin.*

TENNIS BALL WIVES: PROBLEM OF INTERFERING RELATIVES

The tennis ball wife is she who is so anxious to make herself popular both with her own family and that of her husband that she attempts to be implicitly obedient to a hundred varying suggestions which a hundred varying people may offer her. She becomes, in fact, a human tennis ball who is spun from one end of the court to the other and back again in a feverish effort to please everyone and offend no one. She has neither the presence of mind nor the stability to take unto herself the properties of the tennis net which remains stolidly between the courts inclining neither to one side nor the other.

Therein lies her great mistake. To a young married woman whose parents and in-laws are genuinely fond of her and interested in her, life can be very complicated. How often does it happen that mother puts forward some earnest request that cannot possibly be granted without causing deep offence to mother-in-law, or that first cousin Emily recommends a dress or behaviour that would be anathema to husband's Aunt Jane? Impossible, it would seem to refuse any single favour or ignore the very least advice. Yet many of the favours are so completely antagonistic one to the other that the only method of complying with them all would be the determination to be "all things to all men." But, as this is one of the most uncomfortable, deceptive ways of living that one can imagine, few women would be content with such a solution.

The most fatal way of dealing with the problem is to tell one person what the other has advised. "Oh no, I couldn't possibly have blue wallpaper as So-and-So says it would be far too cold." "Yes, I agree with you, I do need a new coat, but mother was only pointing out yesterday how extravagant that would be." "Don't you like my orange powder? Oh dear, now what shall I do? My husband thinks it suits me so well."

If wise, the wife will switch on a current of firmness before it is too late, so that it electrifies her whole character to an extent that will permit her to address the shareholders as well as the meekest members of her family with words of independence. And whether she admits "Yes, I think your advice is good and therefore I will follow it," or "I think it bad and therefore I won't," her tone will leave no doubt in the mind of her companion that she will at all times do that which she herself considers to be right provided it does no harm to others.

I was recently very interested in the fate of a friend of mine, who did allow herself for a little while, to be a tennis ball wife. She is not very good looking, and she is not rich enough to make up for this deficiency with really smart clothes. Consequently she decided to adopt an original style of dress which, without being startling, was certainly distinctive, and became her very well. But no sooner did she flaunt a black cape and rather wide brimmed hat, than her mother-in-law gently reproached her for making herself conspicuous and her mother stated that the whole outfit would be far more successful were it dyed red. Her indecision, therefore, was painful. In both cases affection demanded that she should do as asked, yet she was intensely averse to doing either. And for a time she put aside all thought of

courage and looked like an exaggerated stage vamp in her mother's house, and an extremely plain and dowdy woman in her mother-in-law's.

It was her husband who brought her to her senses after a horrifyingly dramatic day in which she had not only had an accidental meeting with her mother while she was wearing her old blue coat and skirt, but had actually run across her mother-in-law during the course of an afternoon excursion in pillar-box red.

It was her husband who pointed out that she was a married woman of twenty-two, with brains and personality of her own. That the way she dressed herself could neither harm nor influence anybody but herself. That if the difficulty had concerned the way she cooked her meals or swept her sitting-room then, indeed, her youth and comparative inexperience would compel her to take advice. But that, as it was, she was merely being weak and foolish not to wear the clothes she herself fancied.

The result was that the black cape and hat appeared once again, and that after the first feelings of resentment the charm and thoughtfulness which she was careful to show her relations made them forgive her "obstinacy" and decide to bear with her "curious ideas." The tennis ball hurled itself into a tree and remained there. It will never be served again!

H. E. M. W.

Vanished—The Family Album

A writer of reminiscences has recently pointed out that of all Victorian institutions not one has suffered so disastrous a slump as the old family album. And the statement cannot be denied.

Whiskers here and there break the monotony of an avenue of bald faces; nightshirts are known in cathedral towns; apsidal windows, and red-finned underwings—no any the drapery—still has its veterans. But the modern hostess would as soon admit that the goldfish had foot-and-mouth disease as that she harboured a family album. Occasionally one may be discovered in an attic propping up the "wonky" leg of an old oak chest, but in general they are no more in use than last year's almanac.

Yet fifty years ago the country was simply infested with family albums. Where are they now? Well, the story goes that they have nearly all been exported to the more savage parts of Africa, Borneo and such places, where the natives have adopted the photographs as high-powered deities. If so it's a startling thought that one's hairy ancestor of the Reform Bill period may now be regularly worshipped with tom-toms and hula-hula dances by light-hearted men clad in nothing more than a bow-tie and a long spear.

I'll make a confession. Personally I am something of a misanthrope and have little interest in women, yet if I had to make a choice between pictures of my host's whey-faced aunt and those of Greta Garbo and Co., the latter group would get my vote every time.

Yet in one way those albums had their uses. A young author, for example, hanging his hat up in a Victorian home was invariably given the family album to look at.

This may have depressed him. Most likely it did. At the same time by studying the photographs of a couple of generations of his prospective "in-laws," he got a shrewd idea of the gang he was marrying into.—A. P. GARLAND.

The Very Idea!

HYDROPHOBIA

By Eddie Kelly, Poodle-faker.

According to a news item in the paper yesterday a Singapore magistrate has ruled that a dog is entitled to his first bite, and damages cannot be recovered from the owner unless it is proved that someone else was the mug first.

The first thing we ever wrote for the edification of our Great and Admiring Public was about dogs. Dog-gone it, we've got to do it again now.

As one of Hongkong's biggest big game hunters we want to lodge a protest here and now about this decision.

Once the Hongkong magistrates get hold of a thing like that there's no telling where they'd stop.

Take those New Territories tigers, for instance. One of those days someone'll come into court with a piece of his anatomy missing and will complain that he was bitten by a tiger.

"Y'roner," the defending counsel will say on behalf of the tiger, "my client has no case to answer. This is his first bite."

Then there'd be a lot of wrangling and anarling until they got down to the Singapore case of Rex v Tibby, or whatever the dog's name is, and the tiger would be discharged. Without a spot on his character.

How do we know they'd draw the line at dogs? What are dogs, anyway? All they're useful for is to support Canada's greatest industry.

One dirty dog we know bit us twice and got away with it. Three bucks the first time and two bucks only last week.

One of these days Stella Benson or someone who doesn't like Hongkong is going to bring a lot of mad dogs to Hongkong and turn them loose on the Peak, in the Government Offices, Police Courts and amongst the shroths.

Then the dogs will bite all these people, who will get hydrophobia and go mad and probably die.

What a chuck-in for Hongkong.

THIS IS ZBW CALLING—

As programme consultant to ZBW I am arranging a rather marvellous series of lectures for you. The broadcasts will take place, wind and weather permitting, every Friday (except Sundays) on a wave-length of 117.6 megacycles, and will be relayed from all stations, excepting that of the Kowloon Fire Brigade and Stonecutters. The former complain that although they realise the lectures are distinguished, they prefer something extinguished. Water pity!

You can't afford to miss this intellectual treat which is explained below:

1. Mr. Edward Kelly on "The Shing Mun Dam, and other forms of swearing."
2. The Editor of the "Crittle" on "Six reasons why the Government is always right."
3. "Veritas" on "The Interport Selectors."
4. The Interport Selectors on "Veritas."
5. Mitzy Intelligentsia (aged 5) of the Peak on "The Philosophy of Romeo and its consequent effect on the guitar industry."
6. The Directors of local banks on "Gold, Silver, Frankincense, and Myrrh, with possible reference to the Hongkong Dollar."

SLIMMIN'.

Callin' on Doris Anchovy yesterday, we found her very depressed.

"It's the slimmin'," she told us.

"Trottin' Mellisande round the Peak isn't the exercise it ought to be; we mostly live in the Rolls. So I'm havin' to take drastic measures."

"What are you livin' on?" we asked.

"Coal, mostly," said Doris. "Here's my menu, if you want to look at it."

MENU.

Breakfast—Orange juice; the pips of one apple; coal-dust on toast.

Lunch—A small piece of coal.

Ten—Hot water; the shell of a walnut, grated; 1oz. slack.

Dinner—The juice of one plum.

Dry toast.

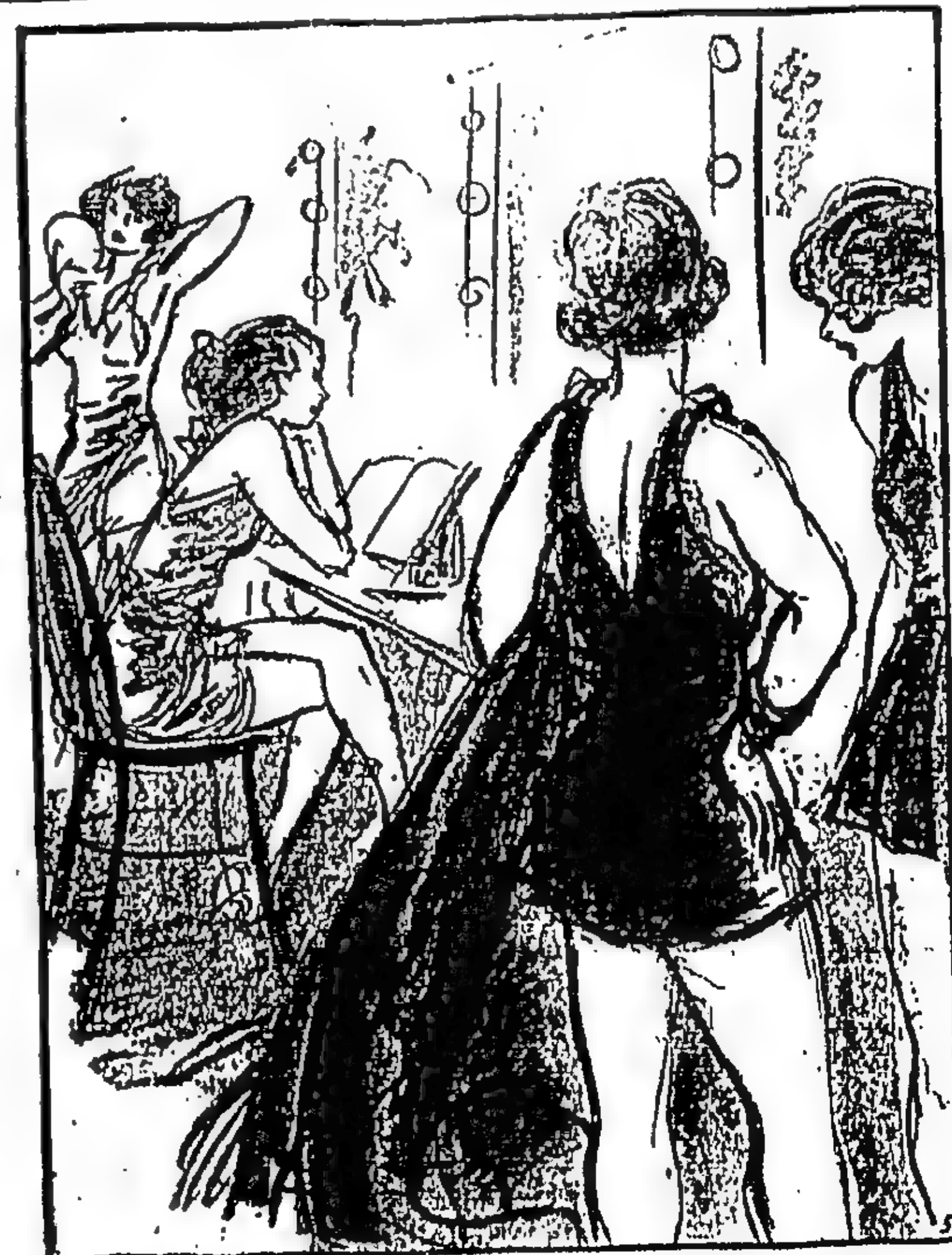
Two small pieces of coal.

3 currants.

"My good girl," we said, horrified, "you're dyin' by inches."

"I know," said Doris. "And what wouldn't I give for a hot buttered crumpet!"

"The crumpets," we answered sentimentally, "will sound for you on the other side."



"Always reading books! She'd better not let the stage director catch her wasting so much time improving her mind."

DEBTS AND ECONOMICS

AN OFFICIAL LONDON STATEMENT

BRITAIN'S STAND

London, Feb. 2. An impression which has been created in some quarters in America, by a speech delivered by Mr. Neville Chamberlain at an American press luncheon in London yesterday, that Britain desired the Anglo-American debt discussions to be strictly limited to debts, has elicited an authoritative statement in London.

This statement is to the effect that subject to conditions that the debt settlement must accommodate itself to the Lausanne Agreement, and that nothing be done which is detrimental to the interests of other countries, it is not desired to limit the discussions to questions relating to debts.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE PROSPECTS

MR. WALTER RUNCIMAN HOPEFUL

London, Feb. 2. There are bright signs for British industry according to the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, surveying the world in a speech at a St. Ives Chamber of Commerce dinner.

He refused to take a gloomy view of the British position, or of the world situation generally.

There would, he said, be a gradual return to prosperity and if we were prepared to be enterprising, as well as patient, the future of Britain was assured.

The anti-British boycott had ended in India and arrangements had been made which ought to lead to a great expansion of traffic with India. He had great hopes that in the next two or three years the volume of trade with India would return to its former level.

With hundreds of millions in China and India, a very little increase in the standard of living in those countries would mean a tremendous increase in our industries.—Reuter.

LOCAL ESTATES

GRANTS OF PROBATE MADE

Leung Yin (or Yew) (or Lu) Hing alias Leung Tsai-kwong, a merchant, late of 6, Lee Kwan Avenue, Tai Hang, who died on or about October 18th, 1932, left local estate valued at \$60,500. Deceased was formerly manager of the Wing Fat Printing Co. of 149, Wing Lok Street. Probate to the will has been granted his widow, Wong Suet-fan and his son, Leung Pak-hong.

Application for grant of probate of a certified copy of probate of the will of Nai Lee Tek-kheui (Sah Lee) Lee-Aphon, alias Li Chuk-kai, alias Li Sai-ko, alias Li Chung Cheong, alias Li Man-chok, late of Lurasdalki Road, Sathorn District, Amphur Sathorn, Bangkok, has been granted to Mr. M. M. Watson, solicitor. Deceased died in Pokfulam Road on March 9th, 1931, and left local estate valued at \$15,900.

Probate of the will of Low Gung, also known as Low Hung (or Hong)-sing and Chu Hung (or Hong)-sing, late of 50, Hudson Avenue, Albany, U.S.A., has been granted to his widow, Lum Lee, temporarily residing at 193, Lockhart Road. The local estate is sworn under \$10,200.

In connection with the \$9,100 estate of Ng Li-shi (or Sze), late of 51, Calne Road, probate of the will has been granted to Ng Pak-to, of 119, Calne Road, power being reserved of making a like grant to Ng Mok-shi.

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED

SEQUEL TO RECENT FIRE

A warrant for the arrest of Wong Chua-ki, master of a fire-cracker shop at 35, Staunton Street, where the disastrous fire occurred some eighteen months ago, was issued by Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court this morning when the man failed to answer a summons taken out against him by Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry accusing him of having naked lights on the premises.

Mr. Fitz-Henry intimated that when a complaint was made to the authorities he visited the premises and saw the defendant, but later, after having examined the basement, it was found that the man had disappeared. He had not been seen since, and it was thought that he had absconded to Macao.

CHESS CHAMPION ARRIVES

DR. ALEKHINE TO PLAY TO-DAY

A wonderful treat is in store for chess enthusiasts, following the arrival this morning of Dr. A. Alekhine, the world champion, who has consented to give at least two exhibitions in Hongkong. The first will be this evening at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, while the second will be on Monday at the same place.

On arrival this morning the chess master was welcomed by a number of local enthusiasts. Besides the committee in charge of arrangements there were present Sir Joseph Kemp, the Chief Justice, and Mr. E. J. Davies, sub-manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The visitor had already learned of the arrangements which had been made, and when he was greeted by the local party he smilingly expressed surprise that he should be asked to play the blindfold exhibition on the day of his arrival. He intimated that he would have to put in as much rest as possible during the course of the day.

When asked how he liked to play blindfold chess, the champion smiled and waved his hand, giving the impression that he was not altogether keen on playing without looking at the board.

Speaking of the prospects of a challenge for the title from Jose Capablanca, the present holder remarked that he did not think the Cuban would issue any challenge. Dr. Alekhine spent some time in Havana during his present tour and heard nothing whatever from Capablanca, who has not been playing chess for some years now.

In Shanghai, Dr. Alekhine met 47 players simultaneously and won all but seven games. Of these he lost three to S. Fynland, the present champion of Shanghai, E. C. Treyer and F. Myberg, while he drew with J. Penn, J. A. Ilyin, C. R. Bates and V. K. Yang. He said that Shanghai compared with the best amateur clubs elsewhere.

In neither Honolulu nor Japan were the players very strong and he won all his games, but he was anticipating more opposition in Hongkong.

Dr. Alekhine showed a keen interest in Japanese and Chinese chess and whilst in Japan he played against the local champion. In Shanghai he received instruction in Chinese chess from Dr. Zia Yeh-sun, author of several works on the game. Dr. Alekhine has been presented with books on both Japanese and Chinese chess and he intends to make a study of these versions of the game.

Dr. Alekhine is a keen bridge player and remarked that during his trip to Hongkong he did not play any chess but constantly played bridge on board. In fact he and a lady passenger, Madame Freeman, won the contract bridge tournament on board. Madame Freeman is also a chess enthusiast.

The master has not made any definite plans for his tour around the world, but from Hongkong he will sail for Manila on Saturday, February 11. He will visit Singapore, the Dutch Indies and India before returning to Europe. It is possible that he will also visit Australia.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

The rainfall recorded at the Botanic Gardens last month only amounted to 40 inches, over six days from the 2nd to the 18th of January.

To-day the new Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer, is due to leave London on the s.s. Rappara, and is due in Hongkong on March 11.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has received a donation of \$5 from Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Leitao, sent in memory of the late Mr. J. H. Botelho instead of a wreath.

Sub-Inspector R. J. Hunt, officer in charge of the Emergency Unit, is due to return from leave next month. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Hunt, Miss Doris Hunt and their youngest daughter. Miss Phyllis Hunt was married whilst at home, and a son is at school in England.

The Hon. Sir William Shenton is going on home leave on April 22nd, but hopes to return to the Colony in February of next year. In August, he intends going to Banff Springs as a member of the British group of the fifth biennial conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

An engagement following a dramatic meeting between a cruiser and a destroyer, on the outbreak of war, is one of the high lights in a picture alternating with action and suspense which has come to the Queen's Theatre under the title of "The Woman from Monte Carlo." The old-time theme of honour and duty versus love of a woman is revived, but the story is conceived along such bold lines, and the various characters so well-delineated, that one's interest is held unabated right to the end. Incidentally, Lil Dagover, an actress entirely new to Hongkong audiences is introduced in the title role, and she gives it a strongly Continental flavour.

YOUTH SWALLOWS RING

FOLLOWING ARREST BY POLICE

Following reports made to the police of thefts of books from La Salle College recently, a youth named Wong Kal-chung was charged at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court before Mr. Butters this morning.

It was revealed that defendant was arrested yesterday by a Chinese detective whilst trying to dispose of more books.

Inspector Smith informed his Worship that when he was detained at the Kowloon City Police Station yesterday, defendant swallowed a ring in an attempt to do himself an injury. He was sent to hospital but on examination, no serious harm was found to have been done.

His Worship sentenced defendant to 10 strokes of the birch.

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture Features

There will again be a varied display of topical pictures in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement.

Weddings illustrated will include those of Mr. Horace Lo and Miss Grace Ho Tung, and Mr. A. Kidd and Miss D. M. Dodsworth.

Amongst sporting fixtures of which pictures will appear are the Interport golf and soccer matches, and the Macao and Fanning Races.

Other illustrations will include the Anzac Co. of the Defence Corps, which won the machine-gun competition, and the annual dinner of the Chinese Company of the Police Reserve.

HEROINE PILLS POSSESSION

CONSTABLE & WIFE CHARGED

A Shantung constable, Yang Hsi-chun, P.C.D. 197, stood with his wife in the dock at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court before Mr. Butters this morning, on a charge of being in unlawful possession of 1,000 heroin pills at the old Shamshuipo Police Station on February 1.

Detective Sergeant Lamont asked his Worship to fix a date for hearing. He intimated that Mr. D'Almeida would be defending both defendants.

His Worship accordingly remanded both defendants until February 9.

possible that he will also visit Australia.

CANTON AMATEUR THEATRICALS

"LAME DUCKS" BIG SUCCESS

Shameen, Feb. 2. "Lame Ducks," a most delightful little play was given by the Canton Amateur Theatrical Society yesterday at the Canton Club Theatre. The players Mrs. Hill, Miss Anna Gillett, Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. W. R. Farmer, Mr. Claude Burgess, Mr. Gordon Eales, Mr. Loftus Paton, Mrs. Southam, Camille Jean de Perceval, Mrs. T. Brandel, and "Pinkie" Neckelmann.

Mrs. Hill, as always, acted splendidly, and portrayed the part of the long-suffering wife, of an excitable and temperamental nature, very well. Mr. Gordon Eales raised a laugh on his entry, and continued to do so all through the play, as the philanthropic husband, always ready to help the many "Lame Ducks" who invade his hearth and home.

Mrs. Southam, as the impecunious French lady, whose motto appears to be "Love me, love my dog," was most entertaining and she interpreted this none too easy part without any flaw. Mr. Loftus Paton, another "Lame Duck" kept the audience well amused with his note book in which he entered his many debts so that he should not forget them. Mr. Roland Farmer, as the butler, gave a most finished rendering of this relic of English respectability. The Comte de Perceval, as the jealous husband complete with knife, was highly entertaining during the short time he was on the stage. The other artists, who ably supported, were well chosen and it would be hard to find any one who did not do his bit well to make the play such a success.

At the end of the performance, the author, Mr. Ronald Hall, was called for, and gave a delightful little speech, thanking the Producer, Mr. M. W. Finlay-Anderson, and, last but not least, "that still small voice, which like our conscience cannot be heard, but can always be depended upon," namely Mr. Paxton, the prompter.

"Lame Ducks" will be again shown this evening, and judging by the splendid reception it had from all who saw it last night, there will be a full house again.

We hope that Mr. Hall will again be able to give the C.A.T.S. a play from his fertile brain.—Our Own Correspondent.

SERIOUS CHARGE

DISORDERLY HOUSE CASE

The case of a woman named Wong Sai-ngan, who is charged with keeping a disorderly house at Wanchai, was adjourned by Mr. Schofield this morning to Monday. Defendant pleaded that she was not the responsible person on the premises.

Sub-Inspector A. V. Baker, who directed a midnight raid on the premises at Thomson Road, reported that while he had the woman under interrogation, she made a sudden dash out on to the verandah, whence she made her way along the roof before being arrested. In that period she made such a noise that it was suspected she was purposely giving the alarm to other suspected floors in the vicinity. The inmates of these floors had all disappeared by the time they were visited.

The place is one alleged by the police to have been extensively visited by British bluejackets.

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LATEST NEW YORK QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz have received the following quotations on the New York cotton and wheat exchange for yesterday:

	Cotton		Wheat
	Opening	Closing	Range
March	5.76-5.79	5.79-5.79	
May	5.91-5.92	5.91-5.91	
July	6.03-6.02	6.04-6.04	
October	6.21-6.22	6.22-6.22	
December	6.35-6.34	6.37-6.37	
January	6.39-6.39	6.41-6.41	
Spot		5.90	

	Wheat
May	47 1/2
July	47 1/2
September	48 1/2
October	49

During the last few days, Hariram's Silk Store in Kowloon has been crowded with shoppers for the special sale, a large number of whom have crossed over from Hongkong.

Two Japanese residents of Gloucester Road have been detained by the police for causing minor injuries to a Korean during a fight at 4 o'clock this morning.

RADIO BROADCAST

PIANO RECITAL FROM THE STUDIO

From Z. B. W. on wave-length of 355 metres (845-k/c).
4.30-7 p.m. Chinese programme.
7-10.30 p.m. European programme.
7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.
7.15-8.40 p.m. Variety.
8 p.m. (Local Time & Weather Report).

Song—Linger a Little Longer in the Twilight.

Binnie Hale (Soprano). DB970.

Band—Evening.

The B.C. Wireless.

Military Band. DB957.

Song—The Stillness of the Night.

Norman Long (Comedian). DB978.

Band—On a Christmas Tree.

Delroy Somers Band. CB620.

Vocal Medley—Have You Forgotten.

Columbia Light Opera Company. DB952.

Organ Solo—Underneath the Arches.

Quentin M. Maclean. DB959.

Orchestral—Tell me To-night.

Albert Sandler & His Orchestra. DB984.

Vocal Duet—Moon.

Layton & Johnstone. DB985.

Band—Accordeon Nights.

Gerald & His Accordeon Band. DB983.

Vocal Duet—Silver Hair and Heart of Gold.

Layton & Johnstone. DB989.

Song—Love Me To-night.

Binnie Hale (Soprano). DB970.

Band—A Little Love, A Little Kiss.

The B.C. Wireless.

Military Band. DB957.

Song—Forty-Fousand Quid!

Norman Long (Comedian). DB978.

Band—Jolly Old Christmas.

Delroy Somers Band. CB626.

Organ Solo—The Old Man of the Mountain.

Quentin M. Maclean. DB959.

Orchestral—Where the woods are Green.

Albert Sandler & His Orch. DB984.

Vocal Duet—Keep Your Last Good-night for Me.

Layton & Johnstone. DB985.

Vocal Duet—Round the Bend of the Road.

Layton & Johnstone. DB989.

8.40-9 p.m. Operatic.

Song—Adda—Ricominci Vincer (Verdi).

Eva Turner (Soprano). L2150.

Band—The Meistersingers—Selection (Wagner).

Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9424.

Song—The Flying Dutchman—Steersman's Song (Wagner).

Song—The Flying Dutchman—Erik's Song (Wagner).

Francis Russell (Tenor). 9746.

Orchestral—Pagliacci—Selection (Leoncavallo).

New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra. 9441.

Vocal Duet—Rigoletto—Act 1, Scene 2 (Verdi).

Carlo Galeffi & Ernesto Dominici.

Vocal Trio—11 Trovatori—Act 1, Finale (Verdi).

Gianna Arangi-Lombardi, Francesco and Carlo Galeffi. L2150.

9-9.20 p.m. From the Studio.

A pianoforte recital by Miss Doreen Ma.

Programme.

Waltzes. Waltz from "Dischordant."

Merry Widow—I Love You Truly.

My Love—Save the Last Dance for Me—One Kiss—Viennese Nights.

Interval.

Potpourri of Popular Melodies. Samson & Delilah—Home—I Bring a Love Song—Love, You Funny Thing—Snuggled on your Shoulder—Oh What a Thrill—if it Ain't Love—Lullaby of the Leaves—All of Me.

9.20-10 p.m. A Concert.

Song—Brownie—Cradle Song (Ellis-Holbrooks).

Doris Vane (Soprano). LX78.

Cello Solo—Menuet (Paderewski).

Cello Solo—Spanish Dance (Cassado).

Gaspar Casado. LX158.

Chorus—Golden Slumbers Kiss Your Eyes (arr. Dunhill).

Chorus—Ye Banks and Braes (arr. Dunhill).

Boys of St. Mary of the Angels' Choir School. DB987.

Piano Solo—Berceuse (Chopin).

Piano Solo—Minuetto from Suite (Suk).

Ignaz Friedman. L2200.

Song—Tom Der Holmer (Loewe).

Ivar Andraesen (Bass). L2372.

Violin Solo—La Capricieuse (Elgar).

Violin Solo—Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).

Bronislaw Huberman. LX137.

10.5-10.30 p.m. Orchestral.

Salome—The Dance of the Seven Veils (R. Strauss).

Bruno Walter conducting the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. LX39.

Brigg Fair—An English Rhapsody (Dellius).

Sir Thomas Beecham and His Symphony Orchestra. L2294/L2295.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m. Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

The Studio programme between 6.50 & 7 p.m. may, on any day, be replaced by a relay from England, if reception of the latter happens to be good.

CHEMICAL PLANT.

PROJECTED ORGANISATION FOR NANKING

Nanking, Feb. 2. A representative of British chemical interests is now here discussing with the Ministry of Industry, details regarding the projected ammonia sulphate plant, which will set up as a Chinese British joint enterprise.—Reuter.

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JAPANESE DAVIS CUP TEAM TO PLAY IN HONGKONG

R.A.'S UNEXPECTED LEAGUE ENTRY MATCH WITH THE K.C.C. NOT YET OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

NOTES FOR THE WEEK AND TO-MORROW'S PROSPECTS REVIEWED

(By "The Stumper")

HAVING been given to understand that the Royal Artillery were not in the League, I was surprised to find that they engaged the Kowloon C.C. juniors in a match reported as an official fixture last week. I remember that at the last Annual General Meeting, they were not represented, but it was announced that they had dropped out of the Senior to join the Junior Division. Since then, I have not heard anything about them, and as they have not approached, or the other clubs for fixtures, I took it for granted that they were not in the League. I was speaking to the Hon. Secretary of the League yesterday regarding this game, and he told me he had not been informed officially whether it was a League match or not.

At any rate, the game resulted in a victory for the K.C.C. by nine wickets. Despite the inclusion of Lieut. Garthwaite and Lieut. Birt, the gunners were all out for 77 runs, the veteran Overy causing all the damage by taking seven wickets for only 25 runs in six overs. The home team's batting strength was again demonstrated when Stapleton and N.A.E. Mackay knocked off the regulars for victory. If Mackay plays permanently for the juniors, he will strengthen the batting a great deal after his years of experience with the seniors.

THE Hongkong C.C. claimed another victory at the expense of the Club de Recreo, winning by 79 runs. With exception of H.A. Alves, the Portuguese bowlers could make no impression on the Club batsmen, who were never greatly troubled. They scored as they liked, and I am told that in one over, Armstrong knocked 30 runs off A.P. Gutierrez. A declaration was made at 135 for seven wickets—a little too late, I thought, for the weak-batting Recreo—but the Portuguese team could only reply with 104.

QUITE an interesting game was played at Happy Valley between the Police R.C. and the University, the former winning by three wickets. The undergraduates batted first, and knocked off 135, thanks mainly to F.R. Zimmerman (41) and young Frie Wood (38). The Police put up 92 for two wickets, but two foolish calls lost them three wickets with the addition of only five runs. A hurricane innings by G.R. Wynne at this stage, however, put the issue beyond doubt.

Interport Golf Incidents



J. Mason (Manila) is seen on the left driving off and W. H. C. Huggott of Shanghai (above) is shown making his remarkable shot from the green in two and down in three.

this player giving an exhilarating display of hitting. He was at the wicket for only 18 minutes, but in that time, he hit a six, 12 boundaries and four singles. One of his wallopers landed right in the middle of the Hongkong Football Club ground, but fortunately the game between Shanghai and the Combined Chinese was already over.

TO-MORROW'S League fixture between the Indian R.C. and the Hongkong C.C. in the senior division may have some bearing on the destination of the Shield this year. The game will be played on the latter's ground, giving them a slight advantage, but the Indians are determined on retaining the trophy. In any case, a rattling good game is promised, and it would be a bold prophet to say which side will win. In my own opinion, a draw would be the most likely result.

THE Kowloon C.C. 1st XI, who are also in the running for the Championship, visit Happy Valley where they will be opposed to the Civil Service C.C. and should return with the full points. J.E. Richardson is batting very well at present, but I am afraid the burden will be too much for one man to bear alone.

DUE HERE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH



JIRO SATOH.

If suitable arrangements can be made, Hongkong will this month have an opportunity of seeing Japan's 1933 Davis Cup team in action.

The three players, Jiro Satoh, R. Nunoi and E. Ito, are leaving Kobe for Europe on February 9, and are expected in Hongkong on board the Suwa Maru about February 17.

The Japanese L.T.A., has written to the Hongkong Association, drawing attention to these arrangements and asking that facilities may be given the players for practice or appearing in exhibitions during their stay in port.

SATOH, NUNOI AND ITO
PROBABLY GIVING EXHIBITIONS

ON WAY TO EUROPE

ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND

(By "Veritas").

These arrangements are being put in hand immediately, and it is fairly certain that local enthusiasts will be given an opportunity of seeing these national players in action.

Both Satoh and Nunoi are already well known in Hongkong, but Ito has not been seen before on local courts.

He gained his place in the Davis Cup team this year as a result of his amazing form during last year, which earned for him second place in the national ranking.

Nunoi is ranked No. 1 singles for 1932, although this is due to the fact that lack of data kept Jiro Satoh out of the ranking list. Satoh is still regarded as Japan's leading singles player, particularly in view of his impressive performance in Europe during 1932, although this is not officially recorded.

If Nunoi and Ito team together for the Davis Cup doubles, they will be no strangers



R. MIKI.

to each other, for last year they occupied fourth position in the national doubles ranking list.

MIKI THE FOURTH PLAYER.

The three players will join Miki, their Davis Cup colleague, in London. Miki has enjoyed several outstanding successes in English national tennis during the past two years, and the fact that he and Satoh are now thoroughly conversant with English climatic and court conditions, should allow Japan to enter the International tournament this year with increased hopes.

Nunoi, who was in Hongkong in 1931 showed then that his progress to the top rungs of the ladder of tennis fame was but a matter of time, and it will be interesting for Hongkong to note what advance this young player has made in the interim.

A FULL LEAGUE PROGRAMME AGAIN

SENIOR CLUBS TAKE PART

FEW INTERESTING ENCOUNTERS

R.A. SHOULD WIN

THE PROSPECTS

I suppose at this time one's mind automatically turns to search for what have become known as the "Lessons of the Interport," but the recent contests have taught us little that is new, although they certainly impressed some of the old truths.

Without regarding the results, or weighing their merits, I think one of the most obvious and important lessons to be gained from the visit of Shanghai to the Interport was the inestimable value of team work.

Here I am in danger of repeating platitudes, but it does remain a fact that team work was the chief factor in the results of the three Interport matches. It gave the Chinese and the Services triumph over the visitors.

If this much-to-be-desired element had only been included in the play of the Hongkong team, there would have been an entirely different story to tell regarding the Interport match. I think too it would have had a tremendous effect on the play of Stanley Gash and his men, for it was noticeable in both of the subsequent games, where the Chinese and the Services took the initiative in applying the lessons of the Interport into individualism.

Stanley Gash's optimism regarding the future Shanghai Interport teams would seem to be well founded, for there is no doubt that the younger members of the team, that is those who were not injured, gave an exceedingly good account of themselves.

Bolasee, who made his entry into first league football this season, only has to continue in the way he has started to develop into a fine player, and Collett, who is still studying at the University, displayed most emphatically that he has real soccer talent.

Dossuet was never given a fair chance, but I liked the way he used the ball in the match against the Services, whilst Jack, in his first Interport, was the outstanding player for Shanghai.

In these players Shanghai have the nucleus of a powerful side, and I anticipate that Hongkong will be faced with a much stiffer task when they go up North next winter, than they had last November. But this is looking a long way ahead.

LEAGUE PROSPECTS.

Reverting to league matters, first division teams enter the arena again to-morrow with a programme of four matches, whilst a fifth is scheduled for Sunday.

LOCAL football returns to its normal state to-morrow, and it will be welcomed by not a few, for the Interport contests, although the most eagerly awaited event in local soccer every year, has a natural effect of working everything up to a high pitch and of leaving its reaction, so that reversion to the ordinary quiet, but interesting league programme is something to be enjoyed.

Although a change in the leadership is not anticipated, as the Artillery have a comparatively easy match, the programme is full of interest.

The Lincolns who are definite challengers for second place, will not have things their own way against the Artillery, but the Chinese combination, although liable to play extraordinarily good football, are not what they were two years ago, being weak in defence.

A CLUB MEMORY.

With their last meeting still fresh in their memories, when they lost by seven goals to nil, the Club are entering on their game with the Borderers grimly determined to show that there was something radically wrong that day.

The Club's weakness this year has been lack of finish among the forwards. Figures such as 16 goals scored in ten matches speak for themselves.

FORECAST.

Division 1

ST. JOSEPH'S v Kowloon

RECREO v ARTILLERY

NAVY v BORDERERS

Club v LINCOLNS

Division 2

Young Tsin v ARTILLERY

Club v EASTERN

ST. JOSEPH'S v CHINESE

S. China v NAVY

LINCOLNS v Kowloon

Division 3

Signals v AIR FORCE

BORDERERS v S. China

SERVICE CORPS v CHINESE

RECREO v LINCOLNS

Radio v ST. JOSEPH'S

Taihook v UNIVERSITY

LESSONS OF INTERPORT

GREAT VALUE OF TEAM WORK

ROSY FUTURE IN SHANGHAI

BY "VERITAS"

selves in this direction, and if there could only be a tightening up here, I should strongly fancy them to beat the Borderers.

Chinese Athletic, leaders of the second division, should have no difficulty in maintaining their championship-winning lead, for they meet the lowly St. Joseph's, whose record is two wins in 16 encounters.

I cannot see either the Borderers or Artillery being unduly perturbed about their games, and all three teams should gather in the full complements of points, in which case there will be no alteration in the first four positions.

The Navy have a different proposition in South China, and a draw seems indicated.

THIRD DIVISION.

The Borderers and Lincolns are so strongly entrenched at the head of Division 3, that there appears little prospect of any other team having a say in the championship.

The 24th entertain South China at Sookunpoo to-morrow, and they should win, whilst the Lincolns are a certainty for two points against the Recreo. After this there is nothing of particular interest.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY.

Maltby Defeats Barwis in Championship Tie.

In the second round of the open singles billiards championship, L. Cpl. Maltby defeated C.P.O. Barwis 600 points to 405 at St. Patrick's Club last night.

The game was exciting, Maltby holding a slight lead for most of the game. At 334, they were level, but from then, the military man drew away again. His highest break was 36, 27, and 25, while 21 represented the Chief Petty Officer's most successful visit to the table.

In a friendly game at King's Park yesterday, the Y.M.C.A. defeated the 1st Regiment by two goals to one. S. and G. Fowler netted for the "Y."

Two scratch teams, representing the Y.M.C.A. Ladies and the St. Andrews Ladies met on the Marina ground yesterday when the "Y" won by two goals to one. S. Holding scored both goals for the Y.M.C.A. and P. Gittons replied for the losers.

Radio Hockey Protest Rejected

REFEREE UPHELD

INCOGNITOS PENALISED FOR SPECTATOR

Mamak Committee's Curious Action

By "Bully-OB"

By "Bully-OB"

ONE can only view with regret the curbed during two of the Mamak games last week-end for they are the first real bitches since the competition started last year.

ONE involved last year's champions, the Radio, who were defeated for the first time in two seasons by the R.A.S.C. The game was umpired by A. E. J. Booth, one of the recognised umpires for the tournament, who also happens to be connected with the R.A.S.C. The champions were defeated by the only goal scored, and when the final whistle was blown Guruchan Singh, the Radio captain, intimated his intention of lodging a protest to the effect that the umpire was prejudiced in his decisions and throughout the match was biased in favour of the R.A.S.C.

OUTSIDE views as to the decisions of the umpire are varied but I cannot help but have a distinct touch of unsportsmanship in the protest. No objection was raised when the umpires were selected and therefore the only right thing to do was to abide by their decisions. It must also be remembered that there is a serious shortage of umpires at the disposal of the Mamak committee and as they are drawn for the most part from teams competing in the league there is certain to be some over-lapping.

I FULLY agree with the Executive Committee at their meeting last evening when they decided after a lengthy discussion, to allow the result to stand and to turn down the protest.

THE behaviour of spectators can have a very detrimental effect on the conduct of games, and this fact was evidenced in the Mamak match between the Incognitos and the St. Andrews, when, following the refusal of a spectator who was alleged to have levelled offensive remarks at the umpire to leave the field, the game was abandoned six minutes short of time, with the result a goalless draw.

THE umpires in charge of the game were B.M.S. Weyman and Naidu. Late in the second half a spectator, obviously over-excited, made some offensive remarks about Naidu. He was cautioned but persisted in making the remarks. Weyman, the senior umpire, intervened and ordered the man to leave the field which he refused to do. The captains were then consulted but even they were unable to persuade the spectator to leave and Weyman took the only course open to him and brought the game to a close.

THIS incident also came before the executive committee and their decision to allow the score at the time the game was abandoned to stand comes as a great surprise to say the least. It is a decision without precedent in sport, and penalises the Incognitos, who until the game on Sunday, enjoyed the reputation of not having lost a point in the competition. The effect on the St. Andrews' Club is not so noticeable for they are not directly in the running for the league honours. Had the game been abandoned on account of the game weather or fog it would have had to be re-played and I suggest that the committee reconsider their decision and order a re-play.

A novel form of practice has been instituted by St. Andrew's Club. The club has 42 playing members, 24 men and 18 ladies. Some of these are not up to competitive hockey standard and as the majority of the games played by the club are competition matches the less experienced members rarely get a chance to play. So they have decided to run a seven-a-side tournament which will commence on Monday next. Six teams have entered and each will comprise four men and three ladies. The winning team will be presented with spoons as a memento of the occasion.

WITH the Daiisai sisters in the forward line on Saturday the Y.M.C.A. ladies should be able to register at least eight goals against the C.B.A. in their Caer Clark Cup competition fixture. On the previous occasion the teams met the "Y" notched six goals without reply.

THE C.B.A. are far below the standard of the other teams entered in the competition but they are to be admired for their sporting way in which they take the heavy defeats recorded against them.

LAST evening A.E.P. Guest was appointed secretary of the Mamak



MR. A. E. P. GUEST, the new Hon. Secretary of the Mamak Hockey Tournament.

Fixtures and Teams

WEEK-END SPORTS PROGRAMME

FOOTBALL

Division, k.a. 4.15

Recreo v R.A.—Recreo
Recreo v W. Ogley, V. Marques and R. Silva-Netto; B. Assumpcao, C. Figueiredo, and M. Oliveira; J. Gomes, G. A. Gutierrez, F. Santos, J. Santos and A. F. V. Ribeiro.
R.A. v Comby, Allen and Taylor; Collier, Pardo and Harris; Wood, Rodgers, Gough, Moore and Seal.
Navy v Police—Kowloon
Police v Perkins; Blackburn and Downman; Minty, Channing and Britain; Wheeler, T. Pile, Johnston, Stephens, and C. Pile. Reserves: Moss and Jessop.
Club v S.W.B.—Club

SUNDAY

Lincolns v Chinese Ath—Sookunpoo
Division 2, k.a. 2.45 p.m.
Young Tsin v S. W. B.—Chinese.
H. V.
R.A. v Eastern—Sookunpoo
R.A. v Holmes; Gibbons and Lehd-bontar; McDonald, Greenfields, and Wroo; Snook, Hardy, Hopkins, Leach and Hill. Reserve: Hughes.
Club v Ewo—Club
Club v Fogwill; M. Raitton and Sloan; McKeller, Funchon and Futoleff; Krilovsky, Bell, Low, Hooper and Farrow.
St. Joseph's v Chinese—St. Joseph's
S. China v Navy—Caroline Hill
Lincolns v Kowloon—Chatham Road.
Kowloon v Cook; White and Winch; Tillery, Henwell and Nicholls; Owen Davies, Webb, Smith, Phillips and White.

CRICKET

League, Div. 1.

Civil Service v K. C. C.—Valley
Civil Service: J. E. Richardson, J. M. Wilson, N. J. Bebbington, F. J. do Rome, B. D. Evans, E. W. Hamill, B. C. K. Hawling, E. B. Reed, J. Skinner, H. G. Wallington and R. M. Wood.
K. C. C. v F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, G. C. Burnett, I. McInnes, N. A. E. Mackay, F. S. W. Smith, W. C. Hung, A. T. Lay, and O. B. Raven.
(Continued on Page 9.)

league as successor to Mr. E. V. Marshall who leaves for England in the near future. J. Barlow, a young and enthusiastic playing member of the R.A.S.C. team was selected as assistant secretary, and I have every confidence that the newly appointed officials will serve the committee well.

SOME time ago it was rumoured that an attempt was being made to institute an "Interport" hockey tournament and that the suggestion had been favourably received by authorities in Shanghai and would be forwarded to Manila and probably Macao for consideration. Unfortunately the matter seems to have died a natural death and it is now too late to re-open the question this season, but might be borne in mind and instituted next year. Interport tournaments are in existence in practically every other form of sport and I see no reason why such competition should not include hockey.

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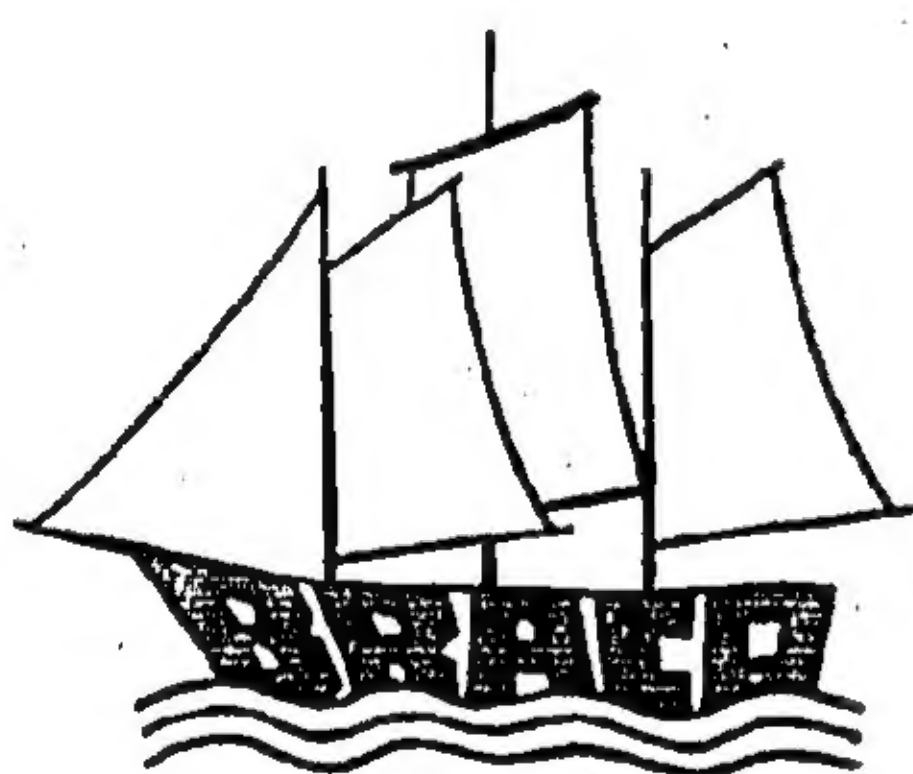
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S MARKET WEAK

According to Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, the New York market was weak yesterday. Business done: 1,250,000 shares. The Wall Street Journal reports: Stocks continued to decline due to dividend reductions excepting goldmining shares which advanced with similar movement in London and Capetown. This is believed to be due to inflation talk which would increase the value of gold relatively as prices decline. U.S. Steel was steadier. Traders anticipated a reduction in the dividend of American Tel. and Tel. February 15th.

Brokers' loans were reported at \$469,000,000 an increase of \$70,000,000, last week's figure being \$399,000,000. Time Money was quoted at 1/4% for 60 and 90 days.

	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2.
30 Industrials	59.08	58.03
20 Rails	28.80	27.67
20 Utilities	25.30	25.26
40 Bonds	80.54	80.24
American Can	59 1/2	58 1/2
American Smelting	12 1/2	12 1/2
American Tel. and Tel.	101 1/2	100 1/2
Anaconda Copper	7 3/4	7 1/4
Auburn	42 1/2	41
Bethlehem Steel	13 1/2	13 1/2
Borden Company	21	21 1/4
Canadian Pacific	11	10 3/4
Chas. N. Davis	33 1/2	33
Chrysler	13 1/2	13 1/2
Consolidated Gas of New York	55 1/2	54
Drugs Inc.	34 1/2	34
Du Pont de Nemours	37 1/2	36 1/2
Eastman Kodak	58	56 1/2
Electric Bond and Share	10 1/2	10 1/2
General Electric	14 1/2	14
General Foods	23 1/2	23 1/2
General Motors	13 1/2	12 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	16 1/2	16 1/2
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	14 1/2	14 1/2
International Harvester	21 1/2	20 1/2
International Tel. and Tel.	6 1/2	6
Liggett and Myers	58 1/2	58
Loew's Inc.	10	10
Montgomery Ward	13 1/2	13 1/2
National City Bank	42	41
Pacific Gas and Electric	20 1/2	20 1/2
Packard Motors	2 1/2	2 1/2
Pennsylvania Road	18 1/2	17 1/2
Radio Corporation	4 1/2	4 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco	31	31
Scars Reebuck	10	10 1/2
Shell Union	4 1/2	4 1/2
Secony Vacuum Corporation	6 1/2	6 1/2
Standard Oil Co. of N.J.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Texas Corporation	12 1/2	12 1/2
Union Carbide and Carbon	25 1/2	25 1/2
Union Pacific	75 1/2	75 1/2
United Aircraft and Trans.	25	25 1/2
U.S. Rubber	4	3 1/2
U.S. Steel	23 1/2	23 1/2
Wealthhouse E. & M.	20 1/2	20 1/2
Woolworth	32 1/2	32 1/2

LONDON STOCK PRICES

KAFFIRS SUBDUED YESTERDAY

The following quotations on the London Stock Exchange have been received by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz in conjunction with Reuters. Kaffirs were subdued yesterday, with other sections generally dull.

	Feb. 1.	Feb. 2.
Chinese Bonds		
4 1/2% Bonds 1908	£ 97 1/2	£ 98
4 1/2% Loan 1912	£ 73	£ 73
5% Loan 1912	£ 46 1/2	£ 46 1/2
5% George Loan	£ 77 1/2	£ 76 1/2
1913 (Ldn. Iss.)	£ 102 1/2	£ 102 1/2
5% Bonds 1925-47	£ 102 1/2	£ 102 1/2
5% Shai-Nanking Rly.	£ 38-43	£ 38-43
5% Tient-Nan-king Rly. (Supl. Loan)	£ 20-30	£ 20-30
5% Shai-Hangchow - Ningpo Rly.	£ 78-83	£ 78-83
5% Hukwang Rly. 1911	£ 20-25	£ 20-25
5% Honan Rly. 5-10	£ 5-10	£ 5-10
5% Lung Tsing U. Hal. Rly. 1913	£ 12-16	£ 12-16
Foreign Bonds		
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1907	£ 62	£ 62
Japan 5% Sterling Loan 1924	£ 70	£ 69 1/2
Associated Elec. Industries	18 1/2	18 1/2
Brit.-Amer. Tob.	99 1/4	99 1/4
Chinese Eng. & Min.	22 1/2	22 1/2
J. & P. Coats	49 1/2	49 1/2
Courtaulds	29 1/4	29 1/4
Distillers	51 1/2	51 1/2
Eveready	21 1/2	21 1/2
Dunlop	29 1/2	29 1/2
General Electric (England)	43 1/2	43 1/2
Guinness	78 1/2	77 1/2
Imp. Chem. Ind.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Industries	25 1/2	25 1/2
Imp. Tobacco	94 1/2	94 1/2
Pinchin Johnson	24 1/2	24 1/2
Turner & Newall	25 1/2	25 1/2
Unilever	31 1/2	31 1/2
Miscellaneous		
Anglo-Dutch	9 1/2	9 1/2
Burma Corp.	10 1/2	10 1/2
Canadian Pacific	10 1/2	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	1 1/2	1 1/2
Shai. Elec. Contr.	51 1/2	50 1/2

FIXTURES AND TEAMS

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H. K. C. C. v. I. R. C. Club
H. K. C. C. v. A. W. Hayward, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, G. S. Dunkley, D. S. Harley, Owen Hughes, O. E. C. Marlon, K. A. Munro, T. A. Pearce, and A. Reid.
I. R. C. v. A. A. Rumjahn, F. D. Pereira, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Minder, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, S. A. Immail, J. S. A. Cureem, H. D. Rumjahn, A. Bakar and A. S. Sulfad.
League, Div. 2.
K. C. C. v. Civil Service—K. C. C. K. C. C. v. E. Lawrence, G. A. V. Hall, C. I. Stapleton, A. E. Perry, G. Lee, R. J. V. Walker, E. Overy, A. R. F. Raven, J. Hunter, D. S. Green and G. A. White.
Civil Service—F. J. Ling, F. H. McGowan, S. Randle, R. A. J. Simpson, H. E. Strange, C. Strange, and K. B. Wood.

I. R. C. v. H. K. C. C.—Sookunpoo I. R. C. v. M. R. Abbas, A. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, A. R. H. Esmail, A. K. Ismail, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, K. Nazarin, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Sulfad, and M. el Arculli.
H. K. C. C. v. E. Lawrence, G. A. V. Hall, C. I. Stapleton, A. E. Perry, G. Lee, R. J. V. Walker, E. Overy, A. R. F. Raven, J. Hunter, D. S. Green and G. A. White.
Civil Service—F. J. Ling, F. H. McGowan, S. Randle, R. A. J. Simpson, H. E. Strange, C. Strange, and K. B. Wood.

SUNDAY.
Volunteers v. S. W. B.—Sookunpoo Volunteers—A. C. Beck, J. E. Richardson, A. D. Lawson, L. D. Kilbey, J. E. Rutter, E. E. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, P. S. W. Smith, J. C. Lyl, G. A. White and R. S. Sillard.
Combined Schools v. Craigie Young-roye (Capt.), B. D. Lay, A. Zimmerman and E. Frith (D. B. S.), G. T. Lee, M. el Arculli and S. Lee (Queen's), J. Sharpsham (C. B. S.), G. Saura, G. Windsor and A. A. Rumjahn (St. Joseph's). Reserve—A. Markar (Queen's).

HOCKEY.
Caer Clark Cup
Recreo v. St. Andrew's—Y.M.C.A. Recreio—A. Almada, C. Osmund and M. Banto; E. Zavier, M. Alves, G. Gutierrez, B. Remedios, C. Silva, O. Ribeiro, A. Alves, and A. M. Remedios.

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STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

9.20—9.24 not to be booked by travellers on 8.37 train.
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9.36 R. S. Robb, J. P. Sherry.
9.40 D. E. Macle, C. Peterson.
9.44 O. Eager, H. C. Hopkins.
9.48 E. R. Hallifax, A. B. Raworth.
9.52 C. Thwaites, E. Lewis.
9.56 A. H. Penn, F. Syme Thomson.
10.00 C. E. Sandstrom, C. B. Robert.
10.04 W. Mulcahy, S. J. H. Fox.
10.08 R. K. Valentine, J. P. Warren.
10.12 A. Macfarlane, A. McKellar.
10.16 D. J. Fraser, M. H. Turner.
10.20 C. W. Jeffries, W. Pittendrigh.
10.24 N. K. Littlejohn, W. J. S. Key.
10.28 M. W. Budd, J. MacKnight.
10.32 J. B. Logan, H. H. Mundy.
10.36 B. D. Evans, R. W. Taplin.
10.40 J. R. McEachran, L. A. Calcraft.
10.44 C. W. F. Booker, W. A. Stewart.
10.48 J. F. Robinson, J. M. Edie.
10.52 J. A. Shaw, R. Sanger.
10.56 J. S. Dykes, E. D. Matthews.
11.00 Col. Cousins, Col. Renshaw.
11.04 I. H. Genie, R. C. Law.
11.08 E. des Voeux, T. C. Monaghan.
11.12 H. H. Pethick, W. Marshall.
11.16 F. Austin, P. Grant.
11.20 A. E. Lissaman, H. U. Ireland.
11.24 J. B. Emmert, A. M. Kirkby.
11.28 R. Young, L. A. R. Duncan.
11.32 H. N. Williamson, J. Forbes.
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9.40 H. & Mrs. Exelle.
9.48 V. R. Gordon, P. H. Glover.
9.56 R. A. Rodgers, A. G. C. Fournier.
10.04 A. T. Lay, G. F. Holc.
10.12 S. S. Cook, Mrs. Sherry.
10.20 Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Smalley.
10.28 R. R. Davis, J. C. Dunbar.
10.36 Mrs. Jeffries, Mrs. Matthews.
10.44 Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Sommers.
10.52 J. E. & Mrs. Roberts.
11.00 Mrs. Rodgers, Miss Munro.
11.08 A. B. Purves, T. S. Whyte Smith.
11.16 N. J. & Mrs. Perrin.

LEAGUE AVERAGES

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	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
A. R. Sulfad (I.R.C.)	21.2	8	37	8	432
A. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	22.4	10	114	22	513
Dr. Gray (R.A.B.C.)	32.5	7	95	16	600
A. A. (R.A.B.C.)	37	12	124	24	713
R. J. Walker (R.C.C.)	48.3	8	101	21	733
Set. Frost (R.A.B.C.)	24	4	70	10	700
C. W. E. Halsey (I.R.C.)	28	8	85	10	850
T. E. Hunter (Police)	31.1	11	270	29	932
10.57 Love (I.R.C.)	27.4	7	8	9	976
H. R. Francis (C.C.C.)	32	11	91	9	1011
W. P. Thompson (Police)	24.5	4	62	6	1033
S. Randall (R.C.C.)	50.3	8	104	17	1042
R. Soutaria (C.C.C.)	36.2	8	115	10	1150
F. M. O. (I.R.C.)	40.8	11	108	11	1287
A. P. Gutierrez (R.A.B.C.)	49	10	140	11	1327
A. Prata (R.A.B.C.)	47	12	122	0	1336
Vickers	7 1/2	6 1/2			
Anglo-Persian Oil	28 1/4	28 1/4			
Burma Oil	59 1/4	59 1/4			
Mexican Eagle	7 1/4	7 1/4			
Royal Dutch	18 1/4	17 1/4			
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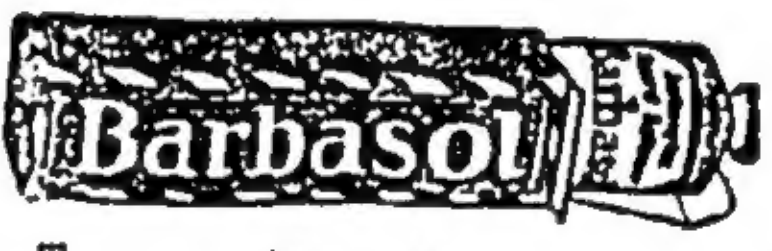
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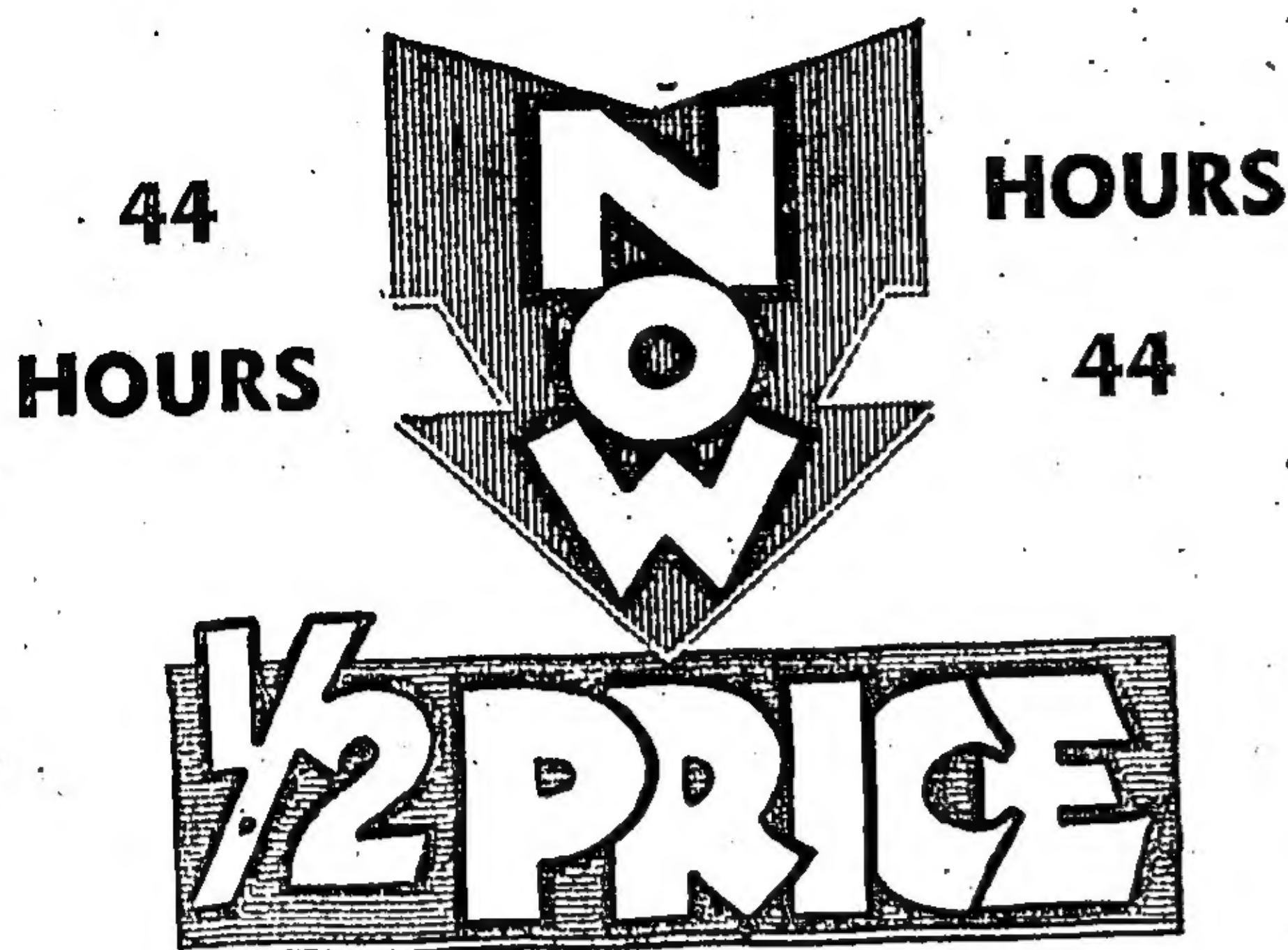
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♠ Q-8-7-2	♥ A
♥ A-9-7-4	♠ 8-6-3
♦ J-2	♥ 2
♣ 10-9-5	♦ K-8
♠ 9-5-4	♣ 6-4
♥ Q	♦ Q-J-7
♦ Q-10	♠ 2
♥ 9-5-3	
♣ B-4-3	
	♠ K-J-10-6
	♥ K-J-10-5
	♦ A-7
	♣ A-K-6

The Bidding.

South, the dealer, opened the contracting with one spade. West passed and North bid two spades. East passed and South bid three hearts. This showing of a second suit is a highly constructive bid and is practically forcing. North showed that he could support either major, and that he was perhaps equally strong in both, by bidding four hearts which South passed.

The Play.

West has the opening lead—the natural suit to open, the diamonds. Here is a point to which I wish to call your attention—the opening lead of a ten spot by the better players to-day is not made from the top of a sequence such as 10-9-8, but is made to show a higher honour (for example Q-10-9) as the leader in this case holds. You will see that this information proves very valuable in a later play.

West's ten spot was covered by dummy's Jack. East played the king, and South won the trick with the ace. He then led the jack of hearts, West covered, and dummy won the trick with the ace. A small spade was returned from dummy which East won with the ace. This play of the ace by East clearly marks him with a singleton—as South had bid spades there was no hurry for East to play other than second hand low.

As his partner had opened the ten of diamonds, East now knew that he held the queen so he led a small diamond which West won with the queen, and then led a spade which East ruffed. In this manner the declarer's contract of four odd was defeated.

You will now hear the declarer complain that this was certainly hard luck—but was it? Where did the declarer make his mistake? He made the mistake right at the beginning of the hand. He could see that with even distribution he would have no trouble in making his contract. All that he would have to do was to guess the heart finesse. But supposing he finds four hearts in one hand and four spades in the other? He knows by West's play of the ten spot that West has an entry card with the queen of diamonds so in order to make sure of his contract he must either refuse to win the first diamond trick with the ace or, if he does win the first diamond trick, he must immediately return a diamond, killing West's possibility of getting in to give his partner a ruff.

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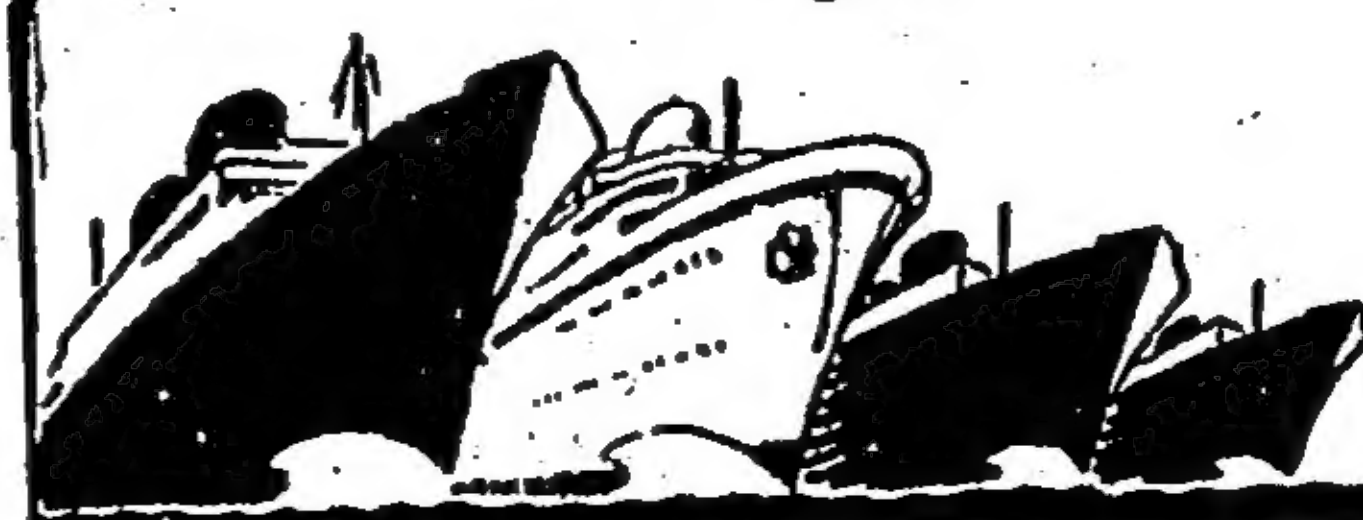
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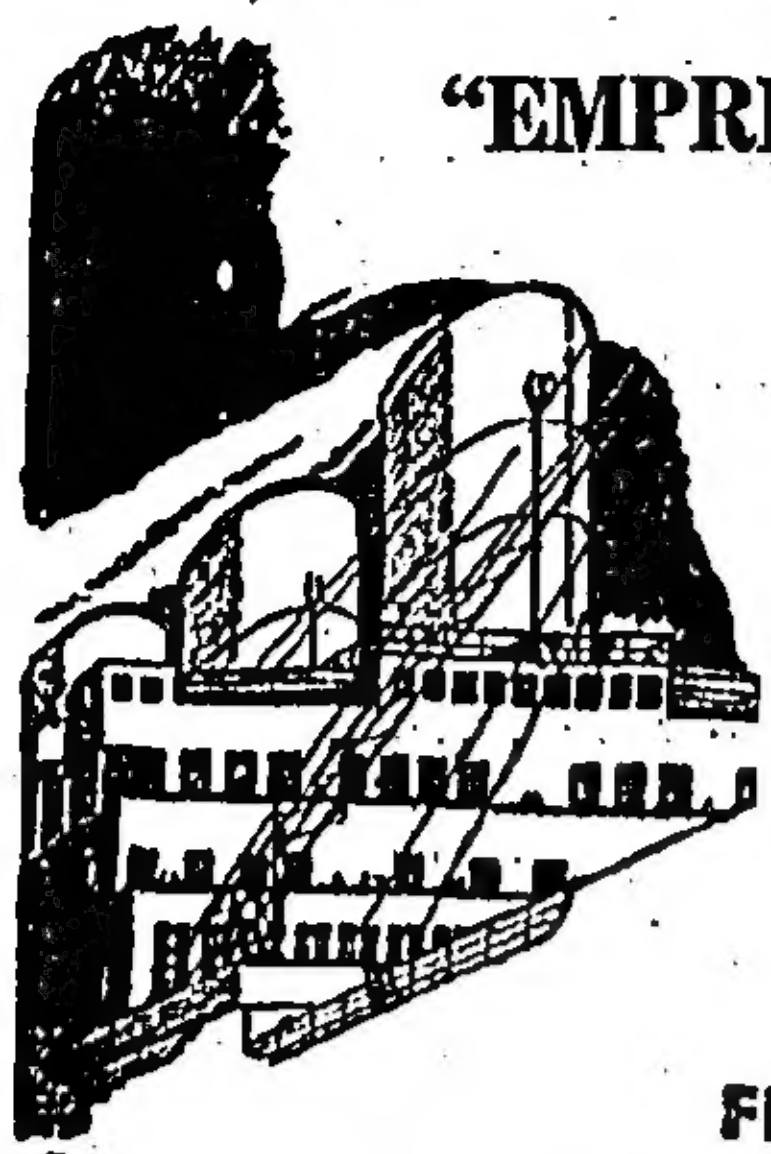
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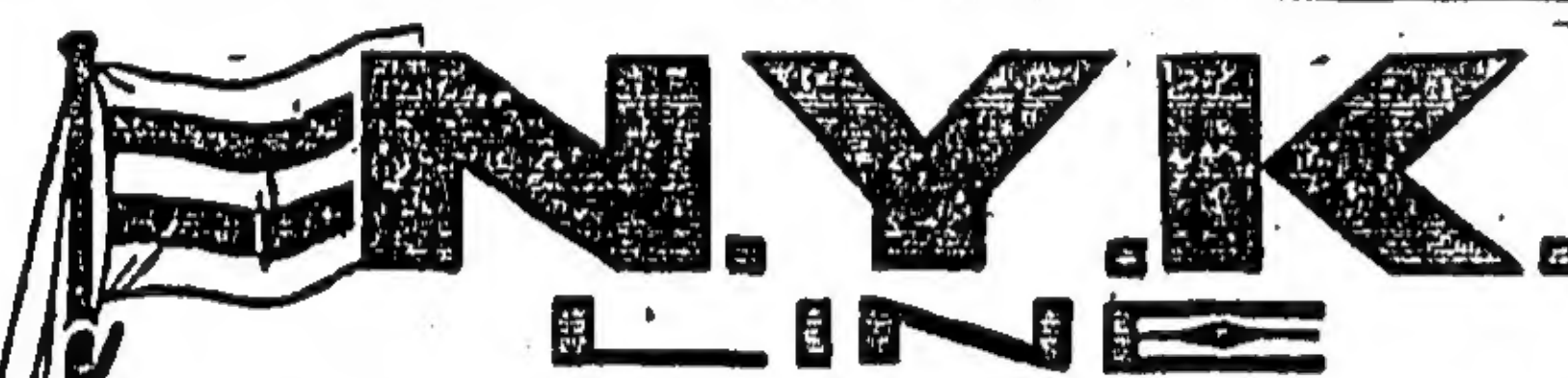
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CINEMA SCREENINGS

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES

According to a recent ballot conducted by a leading daily paper, the most popular feminine British star is Miss Gracie Fields, the famous Lancashire comedienne. This is not surprising, for there is no finer entertainer in the world to-day. The many admirers of "Our Gracie" will not need to know anything of "Looking on the Bright Side", which comes to the King's Theatre next Sunday, beyond the fact that it stars Gracie Fields. Not only does it star her, but she holds the centre of the screen during the greater part of the film. This gives her plenty of scope for displaying her inimitable sly fun which has made her loved throughout the country and her talent for that peculiar fluty vocalism which invests the ordinary ballad with unexpected piquancy. When it is said that she sings no less than five songs, all of which have been ingeniously welded into the story—one of which, "He's Dead but He won't Lie Down", being such a hilarious affair that it must be one of the successes of the year—it will be seen that admirers of Miss Fields are offered their money's worth. Add to this the ripe Hebraic humour of Julian Rose, who is known to millions for his famous monologue "Levinaky's Wedding"; the humanity of the story; the wealth of comedy which embellishes the narrative and you have entertainment sufficient for everybody. This picture can be thoroughly recommended to all on the lookout for an evening of varied light entertainment.

"Strange Interlude"
Heralded as the most extraordinary motion picture ever to reach the talking screen, "Strange Interlude," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's filmation of the Eugene O'Neill drama which ran on Broadway for a year and a half and won the Pulitzer Prize award for the finest play of the season of 1928-29, will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre. The principal roles in the talkie version of O'Neill's brilliant psychiatric study are played by Norma Shearer and Clark Gable, who are together again for the first time since their successful joint appearance in "A Free Soul." Miss Shearer enacts the role played in the stage version by Lynn Fontanne, while Gable has the part of the young doctor. Other leading roles are filled by Alexander Kirkland, prominent New York stage player; Ralph Morgan, repeating the role he played in the original Theatre Guild production of "Strange Interlude"; Robert Young, who recently scored in "Unashamed"; May Robson, veteran character actress; Maureen O'Sullivan, last seen in "Skyracer"; Henry B. Walthall, Mary Alden and Ted Alexander. "Strange Interlude" has been called the most daring venture ever attempted in motion pictures, chiefly because

of its ultra-sophisticated theme, which deals with a neurotic woman who undergoes a series of intensely dramatic sexual experiences, and also because of its dialogue "asides," in which the actors express themselves privately and then hastily reveal their private opinions, which are totally at variance with the spoken expression. "Strange Interlude" offers brilliant examples of the art of screen makeup for the plot covers a span of some thirty years, requiring the players to appear at three different stages of life—youth, middle-age and old-age.

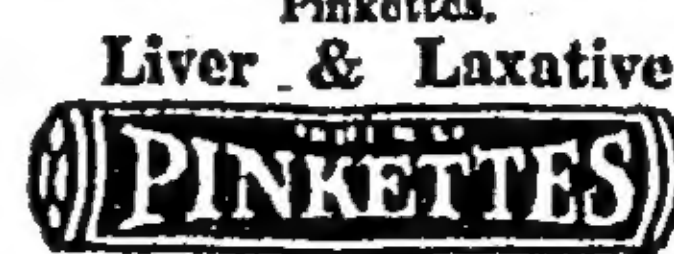
"Horse Feathers"
The dog-catcher's most frequent victims are back in custody. They are Renfro's collection of trained mongrels, which have been in the grasp of dog catchers more often than any others in captivity. Dog-Catcher Harpo Marx, otherwise the silent red-wigged member of the Four Marx Brothers' team, is the latest to take them under his wing. He does it in "Horse Feathers", now showing at the King's Theatre. Renfro's trained dogs have been used in numerous moving pictures and, during the past two years, have been victims of cinematic dog-catchers no less than 15 times. Moran and Macie's "Two Black Crows", and "Skippy" are two of the thirteen. Harpo, in "Horse Feathers", displays several new tricks in rounding up canines. One of them is to whistle and then the pups won't come, to flash his badge at them. That brings 'em running.

"Thank"
The mere announcement of the fact that Ralph Lynn, Tom Walls and other of the Aldwych players are to be seen in a new farce comedy is sufficient to suggest good entertainment. Once again it is a screen version of one of Ben Travers' plays. In the past there were good enough to put the Aldwych Theatre on the "theatre map," so good in fact that the theatre gained a reputation as the home of comedy. "Thank" is the new picture, and in addition to the Lynn-Walls combination, dear old Mary Brough and Robertson Hare play their original parts, together with two newcomers in Evelyn Boslock and Joan Brerley. "Thank" opens at the Central to-morrow.

"Young Bride"
Forty professional taxi-dancing girls, recruited from Los Angeles dance halls make their motion picture debut in "Young Bride," the RKO Pathe production which is now showing at the Central Theatre. Heading the cast are four of the screen's most popular young players. Helen Twelvetrees, the blonde beauty who rose to fame in "Her Man" and "Millie" has the starring role. In the romantic lead opposite her is Eric Linden, young New York Theatre Guild actor who has hailed as a film find as the result of his work in "Arc These Our Children?" Arlino Judge, youthful Broadway beauty who also distinguished himself in "Arc These Our Children?" and Polly Walters carry the other two leading roles.

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report on the interview before breakfast, have you?" Linda gurgled with reminiscent laughter.

"Nothing but a perfectly outrageous performance by Mr. Shaughnessy. The way he rescued me from a Statlanderish inquisition—well, I'll tell you about it later. I didn't get a chance to ask questions. Now wait a minute till I remember all I was to ask. We've wandered so far from him. Towel—balcony railings—door—yes, there's plenty. And here's where I phoned down!" (To be continued.)

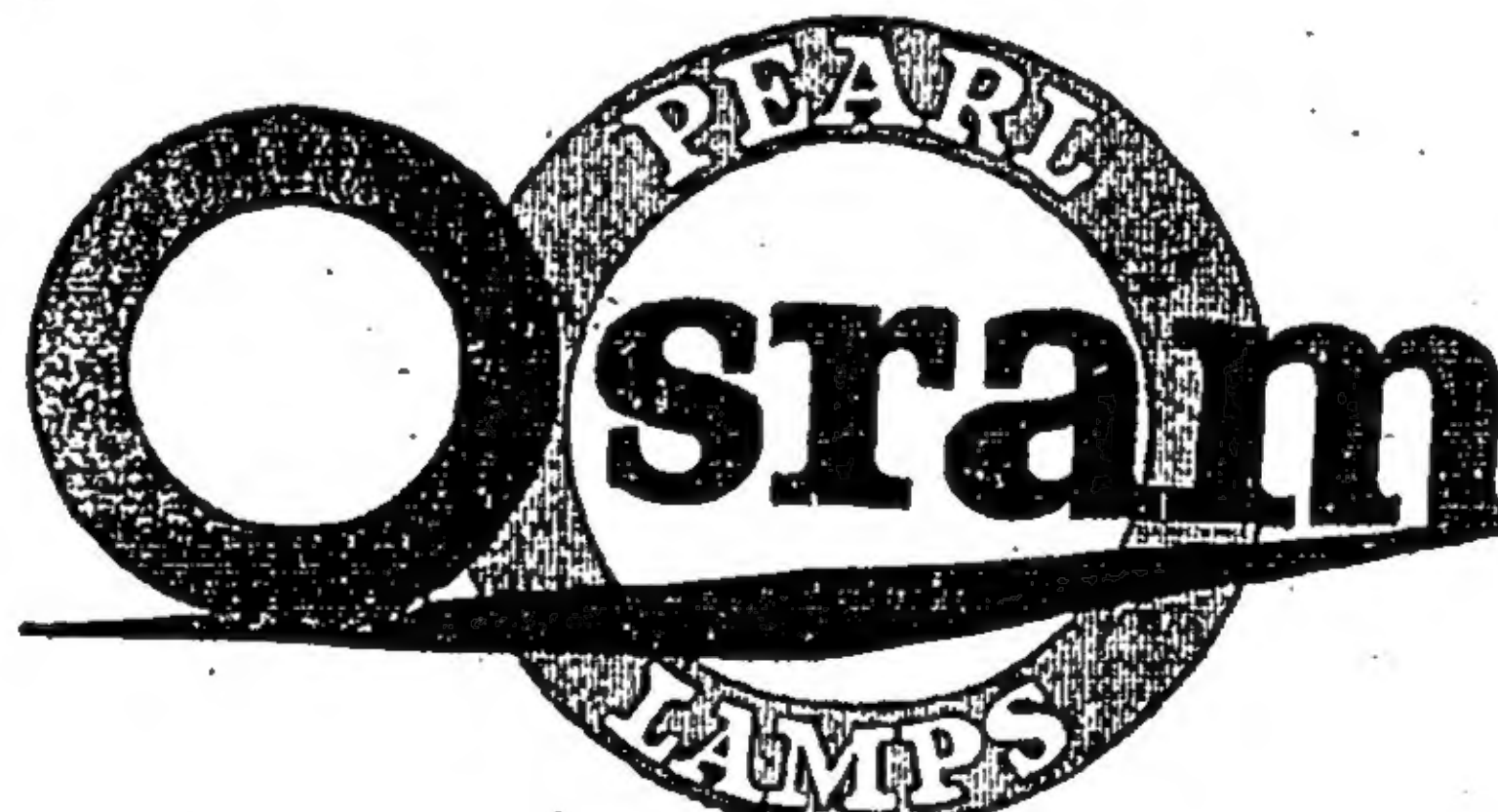
MINISTER FOR NAVY

GOVERNMENT REQUEST TO WITHDRAW RESIGNATION

Nanking, Feb. 2.
The Central News Agency states that Chen Shao-kwan, Minister for the Navy has resigned and went to Shanghai a few days ago. The Government is urging him to withdraw his resignation.—Reuter.

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DISARMAMENT FAILURE

CRITICISMS OF THE FRENCH PLAN

London, Feb. 2.
The General Commission of the Disarmament Conference met at Geneva to-day on the anniversary of the opening of the Conference. The President, Mr. Henderson, said the year had been eventful but as far as real disarmament was concerned it had been profoundly disappointing. The business was the discussion of the French plan which was presented by Monsieur Maginot. Critical speeches were delivered by Baron Aloisi Lelai for Italy and Herr Nadelmann for Germany, both stressing the wish of their countries for positive disarmament measures. At the conclusion of the debate on the French plan the commission will probably examine the recent British proposals for speeding up the work of the conference. —British Wireless.

WEATHER PROSPECT

The anticyclone remains stationary over N. China and continues to increase in intensity. Fresh monsoon will prevail over the China coast, and the Northern China Sea. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

TIN RESTRICTION POSITION

VISIBLE SUPPLIES DECREASING

London, Feb. 3.
The Amsterdam correspondent of the Financial Times states that the reduction of visible tin supplies by 1,032 tons to 43,941 tons during January has created a very good impression in tin quarters, where the opinion is expressed that production is now definitely contracted to below consumption figures. It is also pointed out that a further inroad on visible supplies cannot fail to materialise if deliveries, especially those of the United States, continue to increase, as the authorities believe they will. It is also stated that the fears of increased outside production are greatly exaggerated. —Reuter.

DOLLAR SLIGHTLY DECLINES

SILVER UNDERTONE STEADY

The Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th this morning to 1s. 3 1/4d. Very little business is doing, but

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Remarking that a contract is a contract, and if the company is bound by the Ferry Ordinance the Government must be obeyed first, the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, imposed a fine of \$100 on the Hongkong and New Territories Ferry Company, who were summoned for having failed to maintain the ferry service to Cheung Chau, in accordance with the schedule attached to their licence, on January 26 and 27. Inspector James, prosecuting, said the ferry missed the 4 p.m. schedule on both days. The defendant pleaded that the ferry did not operate on these two days as it was the Chinese New Year, and it was a custom which had been observed for the past ten years. Moreover, there were no passengers on the two days mentioned.

the undertone is steady. In London, silver dropped 1/8th. There was a little America and China selling. After the official fixing, the market ruled quiet, with a steady undertone. New York reports silver down a quarter to 25 7/8, with the market dull.

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